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ECOVERY. — Nasa recovery team leader Mel Richmond is greeted y the smiling face of Skylab 3 astronant Edward Gibson, as he opens e hatch to the command module, shortly after it was lifted aboard e USS New Orleans on Friday. At left are Nasa doctors. (AP radiophoto)

'In better shape than others'

SPACEMEN BACK AFTER 84 DAYS

ABOARD USS New Orleans (UPI). — The Skylab 3 astronauts were back on earth yesterday after 12 weeks in orbit with he medical and scientific proof f man's ability to work for any months in space.

A space agency surgeon said erald P. Carr, Edward G. Gibson nd William R. Pogue, the last kylab crew, appeared in better ondition than their predecessors hose mission was four to eight eeks shorter.

The 56m. km., 84-day flight nded on Friday when the astronauts splashed down in the Pacific cean only 6,000 yards from this eteran recovery ship at 5.17 p.m. hey were hoisted aboard 39 minutes later.

"It's good to be back," said Carr, ommander of the marathon mission which began last November.

The three astronauts got a quick edical checkup inside their seared apsule, and then climbed, smiling nd waving, onto a platform. They alked a bit wobbly to nearby hairs on a truck which carried hem to a nearby laboratory for ½ hours of detailed medical tests.

The astronauts landed in unsually gentle seas.

This veteran recovery ship reurned to San Diego, California, esterday, but the astronauts had o remain aboard to complete the irst series of medical tests to reord the minute changes to their odies resulting from prolonged eightlessness.

After a brief dockside welcome oday, the three spacemen will fly o Houston for reunions with their ives and three more weeks of tests and technical debriefings. Because of the risk of infection, the astronauts are permitted to come in contact with only specially monitored adults for seven days.

The Skylab 3 crew was the last of three crews which manned the orbiting Skylab space station, now left cold and empty as it continues to circle the earth 434 kms. up

The Skylab project spanned a total of 10 months. The first crew had to deal with the problem of a torn off heat shield, and the second had trouble with jets used to steer their blast-off spacecraft.

Carr, Pogue and Gibson brought back a hoard of 20,000 photographs, 30 kms. of magnetic tape, and a lot of scientific data about earth-weather and minerals and the effects of prolonged space travel on humans.

But by no means all the memories they brought home were happy ones, for their trip saw blunders, low morale and arguments with ground control.

Problems started as soon as they docked with the space station last November 16. Pogue became ill and vomited but the crew kept it quiet, bringing a dressing-down later from ground control.

After some slips in scientific work, morale tailed off, jobs were not getting completed and doctors on earth became anxious, but when the workload was eased, things improved.

In a message to the astronauts, President Nixon said, "your mission has brought to an end one of the most scientifically productive endeavours in the history of human exploration." *(UPI, Reuter, AP)*

Sino-Soviet border build-up

LONDON (AP). — A British commentator said yesterday that the military build-up in the past year on the Soviet-Chinese frontier has been "phenomenal" and could lead to war this summer.

The commentator, A.H.S. Candlin, gave no source for his information, but said that 60 Soviet and Mongolian divisions, all combat-ready, face 140 Chinese divisions.

He wrote in the "Army Quarterly": The Soviet units, more particularly those on the Manchurian and Mongolian frontiers, have been placed in deployment patterns strongly indicative of offensive intentions.

5 Syrians held, expelled in Rome

ROME (AFP). — Five Syrians who arrived at Fiumicino Airport here yesterday from Lisbon were immediately arrested, searched, and then put aboard an Arab plane for an unspecified Arab country after a security alert.

The entire west end of the field was cleared, and the runway allotted to the plane ringed by police and customs men armed with sub-machineguns. The 11 crewmen and 39 passengers — many of them Arabs — aboard the TWA Boeing 707 were told to descend one by one. As security men searched them and their hand baggage the five were picked out, detained and then expelled.

Siilasvuo meets with Elazar, Gamasy on 4th separation phase

Jerusalem Post Staff

UNEF Commander General Ensio Siilasvuo met over the weekend with both the Israeli and Egyptian Chiefs of Staff to discuss final preparations for the fourth and next to the last phase of the disengagement of forces on the Suez Canal front that is to begin later this week.

According to the timetable of the disengagement agreement, Israeli troops will have evacuated the entire west bank of the Suez Canal at the end of this fourth phase, with the last Israeli soldier crossing to the east bank of the waterway on February 21.

This will mark the end of the 28-day period, which began with the first Israeli troop pullback on January 25, south of Suez city. The remaining 12 days until the completion of the disengagement on March 5 are to be used for the redeployment of Israeli forces along the new defence lines east of the UNEF buffer zone, some 20 kilometres east of the canal. During this fifth and last phase of the disengagement, Israeli forces are to maintain a bridgehead on the east bank of the canal until the final pullback. The thinning out of Egypt's Second and Third Armies on the east bank of the canal to a token force of 7,000 men, 30 tanks and 36 medium-range artillery pieces, will also have to be completed by then.

UNEF spokesman Rudolf Stadjuhar on Friday told a press conference at the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel that UN contingents had already carried out inspection tours with both Israeli and Egyptian forces on both sides of the temporary UN buffer zone on the west bank of the canal. UN inspections will also be carried out on the east bank of the waterway as the disengagement progresses, he said.

UN cease-fire observers, including Soviet and American officers, are to participate in these inspections, Mr. Stadjuhar said. He foresaw that Soviet UN observers would take part in inspection tours on the west bank of the canal, while American UN observers would join inspection teams on the east bank. There are 18 Soviet UN observers attached to UN cease-fire observers headquarters in Cairo, while another 18 are stationed in Damascus.

(Last Thursday, Israel's Army radio reported that the Egyptians at the beginning of last week blew up four of the five missile launching sites they had established on the east bank of the Suez Canal, even after the disengagement agreement became effective.)

Mr. Stadjuhar said that Gen. Siilasvuo was satisfied with the way disengagement was proceeding, although some minor shooting incidents east of Kantara, southwest of Ismailiya and west of Fayid had been reported last week. The UNEF contingent which was established 109 days ago now numbers 6,300 men, comprising units from Austria, Canada, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Ireland, Panama, Peru, Poland, Senegal and Sweden. Units from Kenya and Nepal are expected to join UNEF next month, he said.

Israeli officers interviewed yesterday on Israel radio's English programme said they could observe increased movement of Egyptian military vehicles in the areas held by both the Second and Third Armies. Although these troop movements could be part of the thinning out of Egyptian forces, they could also indicate replacement of Egyptian front-line units, the officers said. An Israeli officer, who is involved in the retrieving of bodies of fallen Israeli soldiers in the areas held by the Second and Third Armies, said that while the Egyptians were generally being cooperative, some individual Egyptian soldiers displayed an aggressive and unpleasant attitude.

Golan is part of Israel: Meir

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Golda Meir said on Friday that she regarded the Golan Heights with its 16 settlements as an inseparable part of Israel and could not conceive of any withdrawal from the 1967 cease-fire lines with Syria, including the town of Kuneitra.

Mrs. Meir was speaking at a meeting with a delegation of settlers from the Golan Heights, who were accompanied by representatives of Upper Galilee and Jordan Valley settlements. She said there was no room for any concern regarding the future of the Golan Heights settlements. She fully supported the continued development of the Heights and the integration of the settlements there into the active defence of the region..

The meeting took place at the request of the Golan settlers, who came to express their concern in view of the forthcoming disengagement talks with Syria and reports of Syrian demands that Israel give up part of the Heights.

The point on the integration of the settlements in the defence of the Golan Heights was raised in the wake of the settlers' bitter experience during the October War, when most of the settlements had to be evacuated during the first days of the fighting.

Yehuda Harel of Merom Hagolan, who is a member of the Golan settlements' committee, told an Itim reporter after the meeting that they had been encouraged by their talk with the Premier and were satisfied with its outcome. Special significance was attached to the fact that the chairmen of the Upper Galilee and Jordan Valley regional councils, Messrs. Moni Chemel and Menahem Roll, attended the meeting, thus lending full support of the established settlements in the north to the demands of their young comrades in the Golan Heights.

Gromyko promise on PoWs

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz yesterday that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko promised during his visit here last week to intervene with Syria on the prisoner of war issue.

Dr. Kissinger and Ambassador Dinitz met for breakfast yesterday. Accompanying them for the 90-minute meeting were Mordechai Shalev, Minister at the Israel Embassy, and Peter Rodman, a national security aide to Kissinger.

Informed sources later revealed the pledge by Gromyko.

The meeting between Kissinger and Dinitz concentrated on the Syrian issue, they said, but also included a general review of the Middle East situation.

On the continuing deadlock between Israel and Syria, the officials report that "there was no urging at all" by Kissinger that Israel change its position.

The disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt was the focus of a breakfast meeting on Friday between Ambassador Dinitz and Senator Henry Jackson. The meeting was the first between them since the disengagement accord was reached last month.

Jackson expressed his view that the agreement represents a good first step toward peace between Israel and Egypt. His only doubts, according to his aides and Israeli sources, have to do with the risks to American and Israeli security in the reopening of the Suez Canal.

Coalition talks stalled

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With ten days to go for Premier Meir to report back to President Katzir, negotiations on the formation of a government continued to remain bogged down on the question of "Who is a Jew." The delay in completing coalition negotiations is causing complications in inter-party and internal party relations.

Independent Liberal secretary Yitzhak Barkai yesterday announced the ILP will boycott the tripartite coalition negotiations. He said the Labour Alignment and the NRP could work out the "Who is a Jew" issue between themselves. The ILP is sharply opposed to the NRP demand to amend the Law of Return and disqualify conversions performed by Conservative and Reform rabbis.

The Labour-Alignment is under growing pressure from Diaspora communities not to submit to the NRP.

Another point of contention is over settlements beyond the Green Line. The NRP team on Thursday, it is now learned, demanded that the new government commit itself to allocating IL300m. annually for settlement activity. Both Minister Israeli Galili and Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin objected to specifying sums of money, as long as the principle of settlement was incorporated in the government's policy lines.

Additional difficulties for the veteran NRP leadership are expected from Friday's decision of the influential NRP youth circles to revive their campaign for a national coalition including the Likud.

Premier Meir's prerogative to choose her own Cabinet is being challenged by the Labour Party's younger leadership. Separate announcements from the "Lashilav" young guard and the party's youth division on Friday gave notice they will seek to have the Labour Party central committee veto the Prime Minister's ministerial choices.

Israel condemns Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Israel charged Lebanon on Friday with responsibility for a terrorist incursion.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Israeli Ambassador Jacob Doron said a terror squad from Lebanon killed an Israeli soldier on patrol near Kibbutz Dan on Wednesday night.

"The Government of Lebanon bears full responsibility for this grave attack from its territory... and for all the consequences arising therefrom," Mr. Doron said in a note for circulation as a Security Council and General Assembly document.

Jordan probe of army unrest

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday called at the headquarters of his armed forces in Amman amid reports that the Jordanian government has launched a large-scale investigation into last week's unrest, when a number of army units demanded higher wages.

Mini-Arab summit soon

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A restricted Arab summit is to discuss continued use of the oil weapon as a means of pressuring Israel into concessions on the Syrian front.

The Egyptian weekly "Akhbar el-Yom" said yesterday the summit would take place "within the next few days," presumably on the eve of the conference in Tripoli on Thursday of Arab oil-producing states due to discuss possible easing of the oil embargo on the U.S. Saudi Arabia has advocated the embargo be maintained pending Syria-Israel disengagement.

Contacts on the "mini-summit" were being held by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria and Algeria, according to "Akhbar el-Yom."

Its report on the planned summit meeting came after Premier Meir's declaration that the Golan Heights were an inseparable part of Israel.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday conferred with the U.S. ambassador-designate in Cairo, Herman Eilts, but no details on their meeting were disclosed.

In another development, the chairman of Egypt's Suez Canal Authority, Mash'hour Ahmed Mash'hour, said yesterday the clearing operation of the Suez waterway would begin only after the disengagement between the Egyptian and the Israeli troops is completed March 5. Mash'hour's statement was in contrast to earlier Cairo reports that work had actually begun on clearing the Canal.

2 border policemen wounded in Hebron

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

HEBRON. — Two border policemen were wounded here about midnight Friday in an exchange of fire with unidentified assailants believed to be members of a terrorist organization.

The two border policemen were on a routine patrol. Fire was returned but the assailants escaped. A search has been launched by security forces.

Contacts with Syria near total deadlock

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The three-corner contacts between Jerusalem, Washington and Damascus on the Israel prisoners of war issue are stalled in almost total deadlock as Syria has once more hardened its line.

Meanwhile, President Sadat decided to convene a "mini" Arab summit in an attempt to soften Syria's position, while Prime Minister Golda Meir reiterated the Government's [illegible] that the Golan Heights are an inseparable part of Israel. (See Separate Reports on this page.)

The Cabinet today is to discuss Jerusalem's contacts with Washington on procedure for the submitting of lists of the Israeli prisoners and arrangements for Red Cross visits, which are a prior condition for any future military disengagement talks with Syria. Syria's insistence on submitting only the number of the Israeli prisoners it holds, and not the names, before disengagement talks begin is totally unacceptable also to Washington.

• Syria rejects secret U.S., Israel plans, Page 4

Today's Cabinet discussion is to review last week's developments which began with a roll-call of Cabinet ministers by phone after last Sunday's Cabinet session. The roll-call was on a proposal by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to have Israel-Syrian disengagement talks begun almost at the same time as Red Cross visits to the Israeli prisoners.

Subsequent press reports claiming that the Government had given in on the prisoners issue, caused a row in the Knesset last week and brought about repeated denials by the Government, insisting that Israel had not budged from its declared position that disengagement talks could begin only after the names of the Israeli prisoners [illegible] published by Damascus and Red Cross visits have taken place.

The "Sunday Telegraph" reports in today's editions that Syria is expected to furnish a list of the Israeli prisoners of war following a meeting of five heads of state in Egypt "in about a week's time".

"According to reports in Cairo yesterday (Saturday) President Sadat will chair a conference of the rulers of Kuwait Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Syria," the paper said. "The presence of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait shows that oil will be high on the agenda.

"It is expected that in return for the small concession over the prisoners, which America and Russia, as well as the Arab countries have been urging, Syria will be promised full backing of Arab oil to secure an Israel evacuation of the Golan Heights. By showing President Assad and the Syrian people that they are not alone, the Arab conference will make it easier for them to seek agreement with Israel.

Editor of E. J'lem weekly disappears

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The East Jerusalem weekly "Al-Fajr" (The Dawn) said yesterday that its publisher and editor, Yousef Nasri Nasr, 35, has been missing since Wednesday night. In a banner headline front page story, the newspaper said that he disappeared from his East Jerusalem home under mysterious circumstances."

The paper hinted that there might be political motives behind the disappearance of Nasr, who is described as a staunch advocate of the Palestine entity and an arch foe of the Jordanian government of King Hussein.

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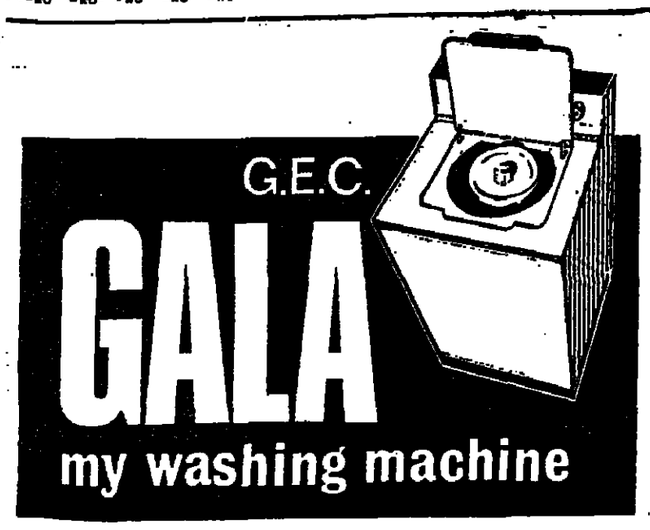

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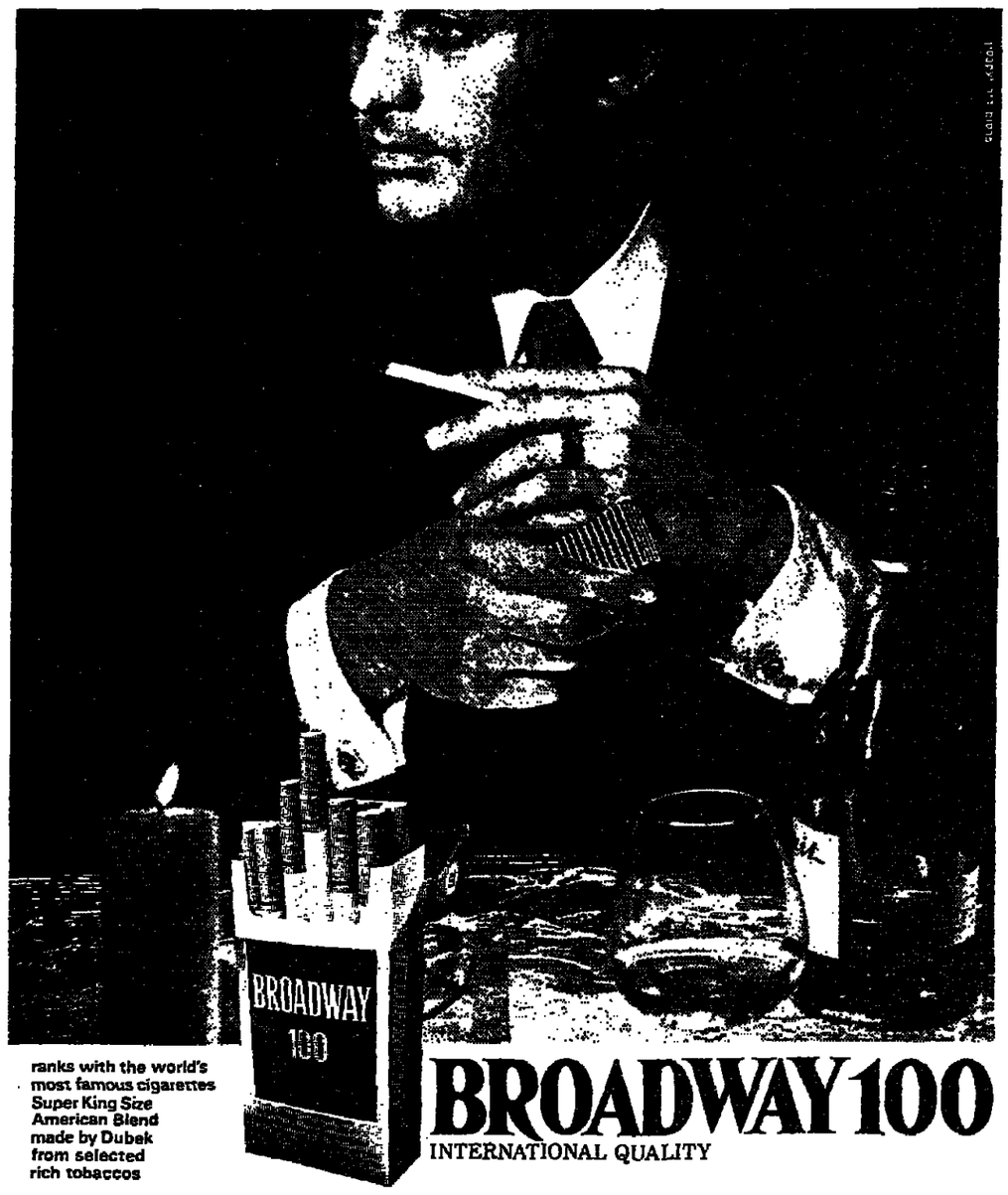

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy.
Weather synopsis: A Red Sea trough extends to the Eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	67	7—13	3—14
Golan	65	4—11	6—12
Nahariya	43	10—21	12—22
Safed	77	6—10	7—12
Haifa Port	54	12—13	12—20
Tiberias	47	11—20	12—21
Nazareth	57	8—15	9—17
Afula	53	10—20	11—21
Shomron	51	9—16	10—17
Tel Aviv	60	9—22	10—23
B-G Airp.	33	7—23	8—24
Jericho	46	11—24	10—24
Gaza	63	6—24	8—24
Beersheba	42	8—20	8—20
Eilat	29	11—26	12—26
Tiran Straits	31	12—24	12—25

Social and Personal

A memorial service for late Minister of Police Bechor Shitrit, who died in 1967, was held on Friday at Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery in the presence of the family, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Police Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio and senior officials of the police and prisons administration.

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French author Michel de St. Pierre called on Friday on Police Minister Shlomo Hillel in the Minister's Jerusalem office.

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A 63-woman solidarity mission of the Pioneer Woman of the USA was received by Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi yesterday. The women are in Israel on an educational and aliya tour.

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Rabbi Hersh Melech Halberstam, Sydney Greenwald and Henry Roth have arrived for a meeting of the International Board of the Laniado Hospital, Kiryat Sanz, Netanya.

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The Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities announces a guest-lecture (in Hebrew) by Professor Michael Confino on "Peter Krepotkin on Peace and War," on Tuesday, February 12, at 6.15 p.m., at the Academy, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbieh, Jerusalem. The public is invited.

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The Yiddish Culture Association invites members and guests to an evening in Yiddish with the poet Meir Haraz, a recent immigrant from the U.S.S.R., on Monday evening, February 11 at 7.30 p.m. at the World Council of Synagogues Centre, 4 Rehov Agron, Jerusalem. Participants include Josef Kerler, Dr. David Sfard and Dr. Sol Liptzin.

(Communicated)

DEPARTURES

Uzi Narkiss, Director of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, for Paris and other European cities, on official business (by El Al).

ARRIVALS

Elly Abraham, President, and Berty Haiff, Honorary Life Member, Swiss Wizo Federation; Carmen Zaslav, Executive Member, Wizo-Mexico, for the World Wizo Executive Plenary Session.

Karate fans smash theatre

Some 500 devotees of Karate films smashed up the interior of the Edison Theatre in Jerusalem on Friday afternoon when, instead of screening "The Steel Finger," the management put on another film without advance warning.

The enraged customers hooted and whistled in protest. But when the substitute film continued, they smashed the seats, broke windows and ripped the screen.

The sole usher in the hall called the police, who turned up an hour later after the last of the rioters had left.

The management of the Edison — Jerusalem's oldest cinema — said it would be closed down for an indefinite period until the damage is repaired. *(Itim)*

LABOUR SEPHARDIM WILL FORM PRESSURE GROUP

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

KFAR SABA. — Decrying quotas for Sephardim in top positions, the Labour Party's most prominent leaders of the Sephardim immigrant communities yesterday met at the Beit Berl Party College here, and resolved to form an organized pressure group within their party.

Overriding the objections of the party machine, they vowed to press for greater representation of half the nation — whether in the Cabinet, the Knesset, the Histadrut Executive, the WZO Executive, or public companies. They also decided to try to effect greater social integration of the communities and a more cohesive attack on poverty. At the behest of Mordechai Ben-Porat M.K., one of the organizers, the meeting resolved to seek cooperation from all wings of the party in future activities for the amelioration of the lot of the Oriental communities.

The initiators — 12 Knesset members and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel — had originally invited 135 members of the Labour Party Central Committee, and they were pleased at the large turnout. The hall overflowed with hundreds of city councillors, trade union leaders and party keymen from all parts of the country, and all party pre-merger divisions were represented. Party communities department head David Petel, who chaired the rally, said it was their duty to raise anew the flag of communal integration, and not leave this struggle to the Panthers.

Speakers like Mr. Hillel, Yitzhak Navon, ex-MK Mordechai Bibi and Mrs. Matilda Gehz said they had for years opposed the framework of a pressure group, but now they realized that there was no other way to effect change. Mr. Hillel charged that the attempt of Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin to veto the rally when it was first proposed indicated the party leadership's lack of awareness of this issue. He warned of the dire political consequences of such an attitude: "The party has failed to give expression to these communities, and many of them now look elsewhere. We did not say a word before the elections, but now we are duty-bound to do so."

Mr. Hillel said he decided to organize a pressure group after his bitter experience as a member of the party Knesset List Appointments Committee. "They said it's not nice for Oriental communities to talk about representation. But believe me, the others did not discuss ideology, and the youth division was the worst of all."

Israel Kessar of the Histadrut Executive said despite 25 years of communal integration, nine communal lists contested the Knesset elections, and Jaffa and the Hatikva Quarter voted for the Likud.

Mr. Ben-Porat told the meeting: "Don't listen when they accuse us of being professional troublemakers, for every bloc looks after its interests, and it is our duty to organize to improve the lot of the masses in the poorer urban quarters and development towns. I want the soldiers fighting on the border to return to warm homes.

"Since there is no national leadership with authority left, we have a right to demand a say. With all due respect to Golda, Sapir, Galili and Dayan — we understand these problems better."

He caused a stir when he asked whether the MKs would vote against the budget in the second and third readings because of the subsidy cuts. Together with Yitzhak Navon and Eli Moyal, he urged electoral reform as the best panacea for proper representation.

Warning against "the perpetuation of two peoples" ex-MK Mordechai Bibi charged that Oriental communities were kept in subordinate positions. He led the general cry against tabbing the police portfolio as a Sephardi ministry. "This is the symbol of the numerus clausus," Mr. Bibi said.

Mr. Navon stressed that the rally was intended to defend principles, not individual persons, and someone else should get the Police Ministry this time. He urged electoral reform and abolition of the pre-merger divisions as the instruments for change, and urged cleaving to Ben-Gurion's credo, "What is good for the State of Israel is good for the party." He stressed that however inadequate, the Labour Alignment had the best record in representation, 11 Sephardim out of 50 Jewish Labour MKs, while the Likud had only six out of 39.

Urging radical changes in social welfare policies, Mr. Navon noted that 40 per cent of Israel's children belonged to 13 per cent of the population, which was generally the poorest section: "They suffer first from any economic disruption. The recession, thus, was borne on the backs of these children.... Sapir attacked Israel Katz as if he invented poverty. When I heard Sapir talk of poverty he was speaking from another planet."

U.S. Jewish groups against change in Law of Return

NEW YORK (JTA). — Six U.S. Reform and Conservative organizations declared on Friday that they were "shocked" to learn that the Israel Government was considering an administrative arrangement that would give the Chief Rabbinate authority to review conversions of immigrants performed abroad before they were certified in Israel.

Reports emerged last week from the coalition negotiations that such an arrangement was being considered to meet demands of the National Religious Party.

The protest came in a telegram signed by the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis, the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogues of America, the (Conservative) World Council of Synagogues and the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The message, addressed to Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, declared that "we are shocked to learn that the Government of Israel is considering the transfer by administrative act of the executive responsibility for application of the law concerning *giyur* (conversion) to the official monopolistic Israeli Rabbinate. We would be forced to oppose such administration of the law by strong and public action, since such disposition of this sensitive matter would be divisive and offensive."

Burg firm on 'accepted' conversion

TEL AVIV. — Interior Minister Yosef Burg said on Friday that his National Religious Party would not agree to seeing conversions to Judaism made by other than "accepted and authorized procedure."

Dr. Burg, who was addressing the Engineers Club here, scored the "anarchy" he said prevailed on conversion in several parts of the world, and said he could present not a few examples of tragedy and frauds in the area. The NRP leader — whose party has said it will join the new coalition only if the Law of Return is amended to recognize only Orthodox conversion — said the country had tended in its prosperity to overstress materialism and to belittle matters of the spirit. "The question of who we are is more important than coalition negotiations," he stressed.

On these negotiations, he said he knew that not just aesthetics but the national interest made it desirable that there be a government 40 days after the elections. Here, he said, the Alignment would be demonstrating "responsibility to history" if it agreed to set up a national emergency government. He himself supported such an idea, both on grounds of the current situation and the great challenges that will face the next government.

Meanwhile, the NRP's Imunim circles, at a meeting Friday in Tel Aviv, called on their party's Executive to meet immediately and declare the NRP would enter only a national unity government, which includes the Likud. They also called for a declaration that the NRP is committed not to withdraw from the historic Land of Israel — Judea, Samaria and the Golan. NRP Knesset Member Zevulun Hammer told the meeting that at present the party is planning a "declaration of intentions" which would enable it to join the next coalition without an unequivocal commitment to leave if that coalition decides on a withdrawal. Most of the participants denounced this as bargaining with a matter involving the fate of the state and the Jewish people; they called on their party to keep its promises to the voters.

Histadrut expected to adopt C-o-L resolution today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee is today expected to demand a special cost-of-living allowance of seven per cent, beginning with this month's salary.

The Histadrut claims the increase, paid on the first IL700 of basic monthly salaries, as compensation for the price hikes which followed the recent cuts in subsidies on twelve basic foodstuffs. Finance Ministry officials maintain that the hikes warrant a rise of four per cent only.

A recommendation for a seven per cent increase was adopted on Friday by the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut, and this will be put before the Central Committee today. However, at Friday's meeting, department chairman Uriel Abrahamowicz warned against partisan action in pressing for compensation, apparently referring to workers' committee leaders who have called for mass strikes.

After the Central Committee approves the decision, the Histadrut is to send an official request to the Manufacturers Association to negotiate on the issue. The presidium of the association will be meeting at its regular weekly session today and is expected to discuss the question even if it has not received the formal Histadrut request.

To back up its demands, the Histadrut could threaten either to stage strikes or to request immediate negotiations on new wage contracts. The present contracts expire on April 1, but both Histadrut leaders and employers have said it might be possible to renew them automatically for another year.

Yeruham Meshel, acting Histadrut Secretary-General, has argued in favour of this course that the grave political and economic situation calls for industrial peace, and that the workers would be compensated for increased prices by adjusting the C.o.L allowances to reality. The Histadrut admits that the Government might be theoretically right when it claims that prices should not have risen so much following the subsidy cuts, but the fact remains that the rise was much higher than foreseen. The Histadrut also proposes raising the ceiling of the cost-of-living allowances.

Our beloved

BARUCH (Jean-Benôit) PICARD

who fell in battle October 8, Tishre 12
will be buried Monday, February 11, Shvat 19
at 2 p.m. on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

A bus will leave for the cemetery from
2 Rehov Mishmar Hagvul at 1.15 p.m.

THE FAMILY

Our beloved

ARIE TOEG

fell in battle on the 13th of Tishre.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, February 10, on the Mount of Olives, at 3 p.m.
Buses will leave at 2 p.m. from 28 Rehov Kaf-Tet Benovember, 11 Rehov Alkalai, and the Hebrew University.

The Toeg, Munk, Yalof, and Simon families

The Executives of the World Zionist Organisation and the Jewish Agency

On the second anniversary of the death of the Chairman of the Executive

BERL LOCKER ז"ל

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Dr. HERBERT PARDO

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Please abstain from visits.

Haifa, Feb. 10, 1974

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The bereaved family
His friends

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RICHARD M. SIEGEL

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Ruth, Tali and Danny

Tel Aviv Hapoel goalkeeper Arieh Bejerano punches the ball from his goal in the match ag Jerusalem Hapoel yesterday. (Rahamim Yis

T.A. MACCABI HELD TO DRAW

Netanya shares League lead

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Netanya Maccabi yesterday defeated Ramat Gan Hakoah 2:0 to draw level on points with National League Leaders Tel Aviv Maccabi. The Tel Avivians, held to a goalless draw by Haifa Maccabi, still top the table thanks to a one-goal advantage.

Haifa Hapoel moved into third place thanks to a 2:0 win in Hadera, as Kfar Saba Hapoel lost 1:0 against Petah Tikva Hapoel. There was no change at the foot of the table as the last four clubs all drew. Both Jerusalem clubs drew, Hapoel failing to score against bottom of the league Tel Aviv Hapoel and Betar holding Tel Aviv Betar to 1:1 at the Bloomfield Stadium.

In a morning match at Givatayim, Netanya Maccabi showed why it has the best defence record in the league, having conceded only four goals in 12 matches. Throughout the second half the match was played in the Netanya half as Hakoah pressed, but the Bar brothers, Shraga and Haim, Zohar Solomon and Goalkeeper Michael Sheinfeld took all that Sharabani, Farkas and Yehiel could throw at them. The two Netanya goals in the first half were scored by veterans George Borba in the 12th minute and Victor Saroussi in the 38th minute. Four thousand saw the game.

The game in Hadera proved the old adage that it is goals that count in football. For most of the game, Hadera did the attacking, but it was Haifa Hapoel which got the goals in snappy breakaways. Hadera goalkeeper Yoel Shoham had an off-day, otherwise should have saved the Haifa goals. Benny Alon gave Haifa the lead after four minutes and Yitzhak Inchi drove past Shoham for the second goal after 40 minutes, during a period of Hadera attacks at the other end.

Seven thousand at the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa saw Jerusalem Betar goalkeeper Yosef Sorinov save his side a point. He made several fine saves in each half. Jerusalem's 18-year-old Danny Neumann showed great promise and scored his team's goal in the 35th minute, with a long range shot. The lead was shortlived, as Moshe Lehrman levelled the scores after a corner, taken by Shimon Cohen.

At the same ground, Petah Tikva Maccabi and Jaffa Maccabi also drew 1:1. In this game too a young player took the limelight. He was Jaffa Maccabi's slightly built, 17 year old Avraham Benvenisti, playing in midfield. He showed a keen football intelligence in distributing the ball, and may turn out to be the find of the season. Jaffa Maccabi were on top in the first half, and Moshe Onana put them into the lead after 13 minutes. Petah Tikva Maccabi improved in the second half, and a header by Uri Peled in the 52nd minute brought the equaliser. It was Jaffa Maccabi's ninth draw in 12 league matches this season.

Petah Tikva Hapoel played its home game against Kfar Saba Hapoel in Netanya, but it did not cost them points. In fact, it was against the run of play that they emerged 1:0 winners. In a rough game, Petah Tikva held the smarter Kfar Saba attack and in the 56th minute scored the winner through Yaacov Rubinstein. Three thousand saw the game.

The biggest crowd of the day at the Kiryat Eliezer stadium in Haifa were disappointed at the performance of Tel Aviv Maccabi. The Tel Avivians were slow-moving and scrappy and only Vicky Peretz proved dangerous to the home defence, before being hit in the face by Haifa defender Yeshayahu Shwager. Peretz had to leave the field in the 60th minute. The most exciting moment of the game was in the 85th minute when Haifa Maccabi's Moshe Agami sent in a blistering shot, saved brilliantly by goalkeeper Michael Kadosh.

In Jerusalem, the home side's only chance of winning the match was in the 62nd minute when Eli Ben Rimoj had only goalkeeper Arie Bejerano to beat from five metres out, but shot straight at the keeper. Tel Aviv Hapoel did most of the attacking in this game.

In league "A" southern divi Shaarayim Maccabi maintains it point lead, following a 2:1 win Ashdod Hapoel. Yahud Hapoel sc a useful 1:0 away win in Beit mesh and have moved into se place. Northern leaders Tiberias poel were held to a 1:1 draw by ly Nahliel Hapoel, in Tiberias.

RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hadera Hapoel 0, Haifa Hapoel 2; Tikva Hapoel 1, Kfar Saba Hapo Tel Aviv Betar 1, Jerusalem Bet. Petah Tikva Maccabi 1, Jaffa Macca Bnei Yehuda 0, Beersheba Hapo Hakoah 0, Netanya Maccabi 2; Je lem Hapoel 0, Tel Aviv Hapoel 0; Maccabi 0, Tel Aviv Maccabi 0.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Acre Hapoel 6, Migdal Haemek H 0; Nazareth Hapoel 1, Shimshon 1 fad Hapoel 2, Ramat Gan Hapo Herzliya Maccabi 1, Tirat Hacarmel poel 0; Tiberias Hapoel 1, Nahliel poel 1; Netanya Betar 1, Kiryat S neh Hapoel 0; Nahariya Hapoel 2; liya Hapoel 1; Kiryat Ata Hapoel 1 tanya Hapoel 0.

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Beit Shemesh Hapoel 0, Yahud H 1; Marmorek Hapoel 1, Ness Zion Holon Hapoel 4, Ramle Hapoel 1; mona Hapoel 0, Lod Hapoel 1; R Amidar Maccabi 3, Bat Yam Hapo Shaarayim Maccabi 2, Ashdod H 1; Ramle Betar 2, Holon Maccal Rishon Lezion Hapoel 2, Beer Y Hapoel 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(After 12 games)

	Goals	Po
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	19: 6	1
2. Netanya Maccabi	16: 4	1
3. Haifa Hapoel	16:19	1
4. Kfar Saba Hapoel	15:10	1
5. Tel Aviv Betar	11: 9	1
6. Jaffa Maccabi	8: 6	1
7. Bnei Yehuda	7: 7	1
8. Petah Tikva Hapoel	12: 5	1
9. Hakoah	11:13	1
10. Jerusalem Betar	11:16	1
11. Petah Tikva Maccabi	9:14	
12. Hadera Hapoel	7:11	
13. Beersheba Hapoel	12:14	
14. Jerusalem Hapoel	6:13	
15. Haifa Maccabi	11:16	
16. Tel Aviv Hapoel	7:12	

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH LEADE

1. Shaarayim Maccabi	25: 9
2. Yahud Hapoel	30:19
3. Marmorek Hapoel	23:13
4. Holon Hapoel	18:11
5. Lod Hapoel	21:19
6. Beit Shemesh Hapoel	22:16

LEAGUE "A" NORTH LEADE

1. Tiberias Hapoel	15: 7
2. Safed Hapoel	23:14
3. Acre Hapoel (11)	17: 5
4. Shimshon	18: 7
5. Ramat Gan Hapoel	13: 6
6. Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel (11)	15: 9

Leeds knocks United to foot of table

LONDON (Reuter). — Manchester United, the fallen idols of the English soccer league, tasted despair again yesterday when a 2-0 defeat at home to Leeds United sent them lurching to the foot of the First Division table.

Manchester United, who have not been out of the First Division for the past 36 years, looked odds-on certainties for relegation after crumbling against Leeds, the club who have taken over their mantle of greatness.

Leeds, the runaway league leaders, took their remarkable unbeaten run to 29 games through goals by Mick Jones in the 57th minute and Joe Jordan three minutes from the end.

Leeds ended the day with a formidable total of 48 points to lead by nine points from second placed Liverpool. The defending champions were unable to play their match away to Tottenham Hotspur because of a waterlogged pitch — one of more than a dozen games washed out by a deluge of rain and hail.

Manchester United, who have won only ten of their last 15 league matches, sank to the bottom of the table with 17 points from 27 games while Norwich City climbed up one rung with a 2-1 triumph at home to Sheffield United. Norwich now have a one point advantage over Manchester United.

Back at the top, Ipswich Town took advantage of today's postponements to edge Derby County out of third place with a 1-0 victory away to Burnley.

But the most remarkable triumph of the day came from Newcastle United who bludgeoned Coventry City 5-1.

Division one results: Burnley 0, Ipswich 1; Chelsea 1, Manchester 0; Everton 2, Wolverhampton 1; Leicester 0, West Ham 1; Manchester United 0, Leeds 2; Newcastle 5, Coventry 1; Norwich 2, Sheffield United 1.

China will go to Asian Games

HONG KONG (Reuter). — China has decided to participate in the seventh Asian Games in Teheran next September and called on representatives from Taiwan to join its team, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

The decision by the all-China sports federation last Thursday followed the decision by the Asian Games Federation (AFG) last year to oust Taiwan and admit China to the games.

Israeli woman wins Swedish tennis title

By JACK LEON, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's top woman tennis player, Pauli Peisachov, on Thursday evening won the Swedish indoor cha pionships in Stockholm, the first leg of the Scandinavi "Bolltex" tennis circuit.

The 23-year-old Haifa girl, now based in London for least one year, came through the quarters, semis and final the women's singles without conceding a set.

The news of this best-ever performance in internatior tennis by an Israeli woman player was given to *The Post* he on Friday by former Wimbledon and Maccabiah Champi Angela Buxton, now Paulina's chief coach in London. M Buxton, who yesterday ended a two-week stay in Israel, h just received the results in a telephone conversation with h pupil in Stockholm.

Paulina, who is now competing in Helsinki, last weeke won the doubles title at the Scandinavian indoor champi ships in Oslo, and reached the last four of the singles. M of the prize money she wins on the international circuit v go towards the training of another Israeli girl player Paulina's sponsor, Mr. Freddy Krivine, having agreed to extension of the scheme under Angela Buxton's direction.

Miss Buxton, now one of England's leading professio tennis coaches, sees Israeli girls' champion Ronit Heller, as the probable next beneficiary of the programme. Af playing singles and doubles with her in Tel Aviv, the visi forecast a bright future in the game for Ronit, provided gets the opportunity for continuous training and tournam play, today a prerequisite for success in international ten

Protest against Israeli team

NEW YORK (JTA). — Members of Israel's national basketball team said here Friday that reports on anti-Israel attitudes among black players at Rochester University were highly exaggerated. "We did not feel anything was unusual" about the game last Monday night, according to Itamar Marzel, the team captain, speaking at a press conference at the Israeli Consulate here.

Black Muslims in Rochester protested against the game and demanded that the three black players on the Rochester University team refuse to play. One of them failed to show up and the other two played only the first half of the game, won by Israel 102 to 60.

Abraham Hemmo, trainer of the Israel team, said the two players who played only in the first half quit after "they realized we winning." The Israeli player they did not anticipate any incidents during their U.S. t which they will play ten games.

The Israeli team is unde security measures and det the upcoming games were n closed.

Japanese handba team arrives

TEL AVIV. — The Japane tional handball team arrive Friday and yesterday did the work training by running t the streets of Holon.

Japan plays Israel in championship preliminaries Yad Eliahu stadium on Th and next Sunday.

LANIADO HOSPITAL, KIRYAT SANZ, NETAN

greets

Rabbi Hersh Melech Halberstam, Sydney Greenwald and Henry Roth

of New York, of the
American Friends of Laniado Hospital,
who are attending the International Board Meeting of Laniado Hospital, February 11-13.

Ruins of Egyptian military road ploughed up by Israeli forces before leaving the West bank of the Suez Canal. (Nahum Gutman)

ZIONIST LEADERS TO PAY OWN WAY TO COUNCIL

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Information and aliya will be the two focal subjects of a special meeting of the Zionist General Council called for next Monday in Jerusalem. The opening session at Binyanei Ha'ooma, to be presided over by Council Chairman Yitzhak Navon, will hear the keynote address from acting Jewish Agency and WZO Chairman Arye Dulzin. President Ephraim Katzir will also present the State of Israel's greetings to the Zionist leaders.

The most notable innovation about the meeting is that the 148 council members will pay their own fares and expenses. This will be the first time that Zionist leaders are being asked to pay their own way to a conference in Israel, and not being underwritten by Zionist funds. This departure was insisted on by Mr. Dulzin, who is also WZO treasurer and knows what difficulties the WZO is having financing its real work.

As he told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview, "I think that if we insist on volunteers paying their own way to Israel, then the same rule can apply to council members."

One of the council's most interesting sessions should be a memorial meeting devoted to David Ben-Gurion with addresses from Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Emanuel Neumann — both opponents of B-G in the past.

Mr. Dulzin comes to the Zionist General Council after a successful session of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, chaired by Max Fischer of Detroit, which launched a new fund drive for $1,250m. He reported that 85-90 per cent of the first fund-raising target — also $1,250m.—launched on Yom Kippur, has already been met.

The Zionist General Council will consider the recommendation of the Zionist executive to reorganize Zionist information techniques. The Executive has already chosen a seven-man information committee representing all Zionist parties, under Mr. Dulzin's chairmanship, which will draft guidelines for Zionist information work.

I asked for his comment on Labour Minister Yosef Almogi's charges, on his return from a North American speaking tour, that fund-raisers were spreading gloom throughout Jewish communities. Mr. Dulzin replied, "We looked into Mr. Almogi's charges with the UJA, Keren Hayesod and other fund-raisers, and we came up with a different picture. They charge that gloom is being spread by speakers and emissaries from Israel. In fact we have many complaints pouring in from the fund-raising organizations about the Israelis' tone. In my opinion, morale is higher in the Diaspora than in Israel, and what happens here must have a negative influence thoughout world Jewry."

About the new left publications pouring out of WZO head offices in Jerusalem in English and Spanish, he said, "This is a main motivation for our decision to form a top-level information committee. Zionist information should not be a party affair, but reflect the official position of the Zionist Movement." Mr. Dulzin hoped that soon Zionist information work would be streamlined. At present many publications are issued by the various WZO departments in many languages without any overall coordination and supervision of finances and contents. A team of professionals will see to the application of overall guidelines with the Executive's Information Committee.

Appreciating that aliya is also a function of successful absorption, Mr. Dulzin reported that the World Zionist Executive has unanimously decided to ask the Government of Israel to review present arrangements in respect of the Absorption Ministry. Mr. Dulzin reported having called on Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to convey the WZO Executive's decision.

"I suggested to Mr. Sapir that it would be best to combine a good part of the functions of the Absorption Ministry with the Housing Ministry. I reasoned that 80 per cent of the Absorption Ministry's time is taken up with arranging immigrants' housing problems, while the remaining 20 per cent is exactly the same as handled by the Jewish Agency. So why not combine the two?

"It is our considered opinion that there is no need for an Absorption Ministry."

Apparently Mr. Sapir listened carefully, but did not give his reply as yet.

As to immigration figures, Mr. Dulzin notes that in 1973 there were 55,000 arrivals, of whom 33,000 came from the Soviet Union. The immigration forecast for 1974/75 was 70,000, he said.

Mr. Dulzin discounted gloomy reports of immigrants leaving Israel for other countries: he reported that of nine 85,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union in the past three years, only one per cent left Israel, with the rate at seven to eight per cent for new arrivals from the rest of the world.

YAD VASHEM MADE DEEPEST IMPRESSION

Black understanding for Israel

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I WISH it could happen to more people," says Lois B. Moreland, the attractive young head of the political science department at Spellman College, Atlanta, when talking about her visit to Israel. Dr. Moreland was here for a concentrated week's tour with eight other prominent members of Atlanta's black community, guests of the Foreign Ministry.

In contrast to the anti-Israel statements expressed here recently by other black American visitors, the members of the Atlanta group I spoke to had nothing but praise for what they saw. Dr. Moreland put it most succinctly: "I knew about the Israel problem before I came here, but my knowledge was purely intellectual. Now I have come to understand this country emotionally, and I wish that many more people could have such an experience."

Why the interest in Israel? "Simple: If one group can be exterminated," Dr. Moreland explains, "so can another. This is political realism and it allows for personal involvement. Unless such involvement exists there can be no fight for equality. One of the things which made the deepest impression on me was the visit to the Yad Vashem memorial," she relates. "The exhibit starts with a statement quoting Nazi racial theoreticians to the effect that the Jew is mentally and biologically inferior. These are precisely the same grounds used for discriminating against the blacks in America. There are now attempts to revive some of these theories."

After a week in Israel, Dr. Moreland found herself "overwhelmed by the achievements of 25 years with a pronounced scarcity of resources. The greatest lesson the world can learn is the way the human talent resource was used here." She has come away with a good many impressions as well as a great deal of food for thought, for example about the Histadrut "which I still fail to understand." She is also interested in the problem of children's identity in the kibbutz and in the woman's role there, in relationship to the problem of identity among black American youngsters and to the role of woman in society against the background of the Women's Lib campaigns in the U.S.

Another member of the Atlanta group is Mr. Lonny King, a Democratic Party leader, successful businessman and civil rights activist. He is quite aware of the anti-Israel sentiments which some black Americans have been voicing. "But it's mostly a very small minority in the colleges. The students these days don't have the white supremacists to fight as we had in the early '60s," he explains, "and it's fashionable now to identify with what they call the 'third world.' The plain fact, though, and I have personally seen instances of it, is that the Arabs don't see themselves as black. The Arabs and the Jews are of the same colour and we must never forget the historical fact that it was the Arabs who sold the blacks into slavery."

Yet even if the black fascination with Arabia is based on false notions, how can Israel combat it? Mr. King points out that "black people are essentially very moralistic and the case of Israel should be presented to them in moralistic terms as well. Furthermore, it should be presented by Israelis and not by U.S. Jews. The latter have not done a good job of explaining the Israeli point of view. It would be as if I were to try to explain what someone in the Ivory Coast is experiencing just by virtue of the fact that we may have a common ancestry. Israel should send its own representatives to the black communities to voice Israel's case. There can be nothing as good as direct communication."

Lonny King has been a supporter of Israel for many years "both politically and financially." This has resulted largely from his close contacts with the Atlanta Jewish community. He still recalls Jewish support of the drive to elect black politicians to office. "Most of all I remember that they were the first people in Atlanta to allow blacks into their homes. I remember the Jews who in 1960 risked the ire of the whole neighbourhood by inviting us into their homes. No other whites did that at that time."

Dr. Alonzo Crim's interests were focused mainly on Israel's educational system, and with good reason. He is Superintendent of Schools in Atlanta, which is a city of some 500,000 people with a black Mayor and a largely black administration. He was particularly impressed with what he calls "the ability of adults in Israel to communicate goals to young people."

Aside from that, Dr. Crim found a blend of modern efficiency in Israel "with an atmosphere of a Phoenix rising out of the ashes." He was greatly impressed with the ethos of the people here. "Despite four wars," he said, "they are not only emotionally concerned about peace, but make peace part of their everyday philosophy. Israel appears more than any other country I know of to have a sense of national good."

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Judge closes doors despite lawyer's plea

TEL AVIV. — A trial which began here on Friday was ordered closed to the public, with a ban on publication of deliberations or defendants' names, moments after the police representative told the Magistrate's Court that state security was involved.

As supporters of the defendant crowded the courthouse corridors, police representative Rav-Pakad Y. Katz opened the trial by telling Judge Haim Katz that police are currently investigating "an affair that involves an attempt to damage Israel's relations with a friendly state." He then immediately asked that the remainder of the discussion be held in camera.

Attorney Dov Shilansky, who represents some of the accused, protested that the matter should be aired in public, but after the Rav-Pakad said state security was involved Judge Katz ordered the doors closed, and banned publication of the ensuing deliberations. *(Itim)*

W. Berlin mayor here for visit

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The mayor of West Berlin, Klaus Schuetz, arrived here yesterday for a five-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

He told reporters that "as mayor of divided Berlin, I am particularly looking forward to meeting with my friend Teddy Kollek, mayor of united Jerusalem."

During his crowded schedule of meetings and sightseeing, Mayor Shuetz will also call on Prime Minister Golda Meir, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Labour Party Secretary Aharon Yadlin. He also plans to attend the football match on Tuesday between the West Berlin's Hertha-BSC and Maccabi Tel Aviv. *(Itim)*

'Israelis have more phones'

HAIFA. — Israel now has more telephones per capita — 21 per 100 inhabitants — than France, Britain or Germany, Communications Minister Shimon Peres said here on Friday.

Work in the last four years had doubled the amount of lines, to 500,000, Mr. Peres told his audience of high-school pupils at Haifa's Reali School. But there were still 140,000 persons on the waiting list. It cost the Ministry IL10,000 to connect each new telephone, he added.

Turning to his second portfolio, that of Transport Minister, Mr. Peres said that new railcars due to arrive in June would cut the Haifa-Tel Aviv trip to 50 minutes. *(Itim)*

French 'Club,' Arkia leasing Eilat Hotel

TEL AVIV. — Arkia Tours and the French Club Mediterranée are to jointly lease a 100-bed Eilat hotel for Club members next winter. Arkia, Israeli agent for French mass tourism operations, will also encourage Israelis to visit the Club's long-time summer facility at Ahziv, near Nahariya.

The Club plans to bring parties of 200 from abroad for two-week winter stays at the Eilat hotel. It normally brings 300-member groups to the Ahziv camp. *(Itim)*

Chase Manhattan's Rockefeller:

'Israeli leaders want a prosperous Egypt'

NEW YORK (JTA). — David Rockefeller, Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, has said that the bank's decision to open branches in Egypt and to make an $8m. loan to help build an oil pipeline in Egypt was good for Israel and that the Israel government recognized this.

Rockefeller said in an interview in the "New York Post" that the more President Sadat uses foreign investment to build his economy the less likely is he to go to war against Israel. He said no doubt the Israelis recognize that Sadat is changing the face of Egypt in a very significant way, a way that is bound to be beneficial to them in the long run. (Rockefeller visited Israel and Egypt this month.)

Rockefeller said he wanted to test the reactions in Israel "where we have close ties. He said that Chase Manhattan has no branches in Israel but that Israel has not sought them."

In response to his feelers, he said, "two prominent members of the Israeli government" indicated that Sadat's emphasis on economic development was "very promising for the future" because the more Sadat concentrated on helping Egypt's economy and restoring cities along the Suez Canal "the less likely he is going to be to want to start the war again, and therefore, they said, the more foreign investment that goes into Egypt, the better we like it."

Rockefeller said Sadat "really wants peace and wants to be the person who will have brought Egypt back as a strong economic entity."

The "Post" story noted that highly placed Egyptian officials have warned that if negotiations with Israel bog down, Egypt will not hesitate to renew the fighting. The interviewer noted that during the 1969-70 war of attrition and during the Yom Kippur War, Egypt did not hesitate to fight despite the destruction of its investment in the Canal-side commercial centres.

Rockefeller said that "obviously there is always that kind of a risk but I think the point the Israelis were making was that if the Egyptians start rebuilding the cities along the Canal, and they estimate this will cost seven billion dollars, it seems unlikely that they are going to risk again their being destroyed."

Rabin, Yoffe: no pull-back from 1967 Golan lines

Two former generals now on opposite sides of the political fence agreed in a radio debate yesterday that Israel should not give up "a single inch" of that part of the Golan Heights captured in the 1967 Six Day War.

Yitzhak Rabin, Alignment M.K. and Chief of Staff during the 1967 war, said: "I see room for bargaining between us and the Syrians only over that area taken in the Yom Kippur war... and even here the Syrians will have to make concessions."

Mr. Rabin visualized a disengagement agreement with the Syrians that would entail a U.N. controlled buffer zone along the 1973 cease-fire line, extending eastward (into Israeli-held Syrian territory). "Afterwards there can be a thinning of forces on both sides of this zone," he said.

Avraham Yoffe, Likud M.K. and a former O/C Northern Command, said he basically agreed with Mr. Rabin's ideas on disengagement. He pointed out that in the southern Golan Israeli forces had not advanced beyond the 1967 cease-fire line. There the Syrians would have to give up a zone about 12 kilometres deep, in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal of some 24 kilometres in the northern sector, where the IDF had pushed back the Syrians during the October war, he said.

The two Knesset members disagreed sharply, however, on the PoW issue, with Mr. Rabin rejecting Mr. Yoffe's contention that Israel should refuse to start negotiating with the Syrians on disengagement before all the Israeli prisoners are released. "The question is not one of emotionally charged slogans but of finding solutions to problems under existing conditions," he said. He defended the Government's position of being ready to meet with the Syrians once they have submitted the PoW lists and allow the Red Cross to visit them, with the aim of obtaining their release as the first stage of implementation of the disengagement agreement.

Danes flock to see Viking past

ROSKILDE (Ofns). — THE Vikings never seem to lose their power of fascination. In Denmark, they are the people with whom the nation identifies itself, and in whom it sees its historical roots. Small wonder then that when the wrecks of five Viking ships were discovered more than a decade ago in the fjord off this provincial town they were eventually housed in one of the most extraordinary of contemporary museums.

Outwardly the museum is not entirely prepossessing, but inside it has managed to set the exhibits in their natural habitat.

The Roskilde Viking Museum is unique of its kind. This is not only because of its design and the philosophy of the keepers, but also because it houses certain ships hitherto known only from historical documents. There are five hulls, two of them warships and three merchant ships. The largest is a *knarr*, the ocean-going cargo ship of the Vikings. Warships have been excavated before: the two best preserved are in Oslo, but never before has a *knarr* been found.

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Official tried for sex offence

ASHKELON. — The head of a major public institution in the Negev town of Sderot is to be brought before a military court on charges of attempting an indecent act on a girl soldier during the recent war.

The girl says the man, who served in the war as an officer, committed the alleged offence on October 15. The family filed a complaint with the police, but the latter declined to handle it, preferring to regard the matter as a military affair.

The girl's father received a letter at the end of last week from Army deputy chief prosecutor Mordechai Kremnitzer saying that the O/C Southern Command had ordered the man put on trial. The letter also said that the man had already been before a military disciplinary board.

The institution the man serves said he would be suspended as soon as the aggrieved father transmits to it the contents of the letter.

Warns of storms in labour relations

TEL AVIV. — Ports Authority director Aharon Remez has warned of stormy labour relations in the offing if the Government and the Histadrut fail to solve the problem of spiralling prices.

Speaking in an Army Radio interview on Friday evening, he pointed out that the current labour agreement in the ports expires on April 1. "It can be assumed that in their negotiations on the new agreement the port workers will try to see to it that wages will catch up with prices," he said.

"This is legitimate," Mr. Remez added, but in his opinion a *modus vivendi* should be reached, "where the worker is compensated for rising living costs in return for greater output and efficiency." *(Itim)*

Robbers driven off by bottles in Jerusalem

Two masked robbers armed with Uzi submachine guns who tried to hold up the Sima steak restaurant in Jerusalem's Rehov Agrippas after midnight last Thursday were driven off by enraged bottle-wielding employees.

Police later arrested a 23-year-old suspect and said they would soon catch up with the other man. *(Itim)*

Hashish seized in Jerusalem suburb

Two kilos of hashish were seized by Jerusalem police Thursday night when they stopped a taxi cab cruising suspiciously in the Kiryat Menahem area. Two men passengers in the taxi were arrested.

THE HISTADRUT National Convention, which is held every four years, is to open at Binyanei Haooma in Jerusalem on March 11. Working sessions will be held at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium from the next day.

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RULING BY FEDERAL JUDGE

Nixon need not give tapes to committee

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon has won a round against his Watergate inquisitors, but learnt he may lose one to the taxman.

The embattled U.S. leader was sustained in federal court here on Friday by Judge Gerhard Gesell, who ruled that Mr. Nixon need not submit tape recordings and White House documents in response to a subpoena from the Senate Watergate Committee.

Judge Gesell did not rule on President Nixon's claim of executive privilege, but said the Senate committee had not shown its right to the information.

The tapes could determine whether the President was aware of top-level involvement in the June 17, 1972, burglary of Democratic headquarters and the subsequent White House cover-up of that involvement.

But as Judge Gesell was ruling in Mr. Nixon's favour, Senator Russell Long, a Louisiana Democrat who heads the Congressional committee on internal revenue taxation, said the President owes back taxes. Senator Long refused to contradict an estimate that Mr. Nixon's tax bill could be as high as $302,000 if tax authorities disallow a controversial $576,000 income deduction he claimed as the value of official papers he donated to the national archives.

Mr. Nixon has already promised to pay any tax bill deemed correct by the authorities. He also faces additional payments if it is determined that he made a profit on the sale of land from his estate in San Clemente, California.

Senator Long said it was unlikely that the President would be accused of deliberately evading income tax, noting that Mr. Nixon had apparently only been following the advice of his accountants in claiming the deductions.

In Chicago, Senator Charles Percy declared himself seriously interested in seeking the U.S. Presidency in 1976, and warned Republicans over the weekend not to seem to condone Watergate.

Senator Percy (Republican, Illinois), a party liberal who has been at odds with President Nixon on a number of major issues, told a Republican fund dinner here: "The ordeal of Watergate continues not because a few extreme partisans are bent on stretching it out. It continues because the Watergate series of illegal and unprincipled acts continues to unfold — acts which are far, far removed from the traditional values, principles and beliefs of the Republican Party."

'An American tug-o'-war'

TEL AVIV. — Professor Frank Tochau, of the University of Illinois, believes that American foreign policy is not likely to be affected by the Watergate crisis. Watergate, Prof. Tochau said in a talk at the U.S. Cultural Centre here last week, is a purely American tug-of-war between the legislature and the presidency, a situation which has existed practically since American independence.

Since the time of President Roosevelt, the presidency has had the upper hand. President Nixon, says Prof. Tochau, failed in maintaining good relations, not only with Congress, but also with the press — a fact which contributed to the way the newspapers handled the Watergate affair. But in political circles, the press has little influence, and in the Middle West in particular the press is regarded with suspicion.

"Most Congressman will do their best in order not to impeach the President, but will vote for it if they are given no alternative by Nixon's moves," Prof. Tochau said.

Army will rule Chile 'many years'

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — Chilean leader Auguso Pinochet said yesterday the armed forces will remain in power for many years.

General Pinochet, president of the military junta which seized power last September from Marxist President Salvador Allende, added that martial law and a curfew would also remain, though he did not say for how long.

Speaking to reporters after a 10-day tour of Northern Chile, the general said he had told copper miners there: "You must get it out of your heads that there will be elections within four or five more years."

If the military stepped down earlier it would mean the return of politicians, parades, posters and slogans. "And all the sacrifices made by the armed forces would have been in vain," he said.

Max Bichi Scemama, foreground, a lawyer from Tunis, at a recent meeting of the Tunisian National Assembly, where he is the only Jewish deputy. (AP radiophoto)

Polish leader sees Libyan Premier

WARSAW (Reuter). — Libyan Prime Minister Abdel-Salam Jalloud had talks here yesterday with Poland's Communist Party leader, Mr. Edward Gierek. The official Polish news agency, Pap, said Mr. Gierek expressed interest in strengthening Poland's bilateral relations with Libya.

Jalloud arrived here on Thursday for talks on economic cooperation.

Constantine's estate to become park

ATHENS (UPI) — The Greek government on Friday passed a law making the estate of former King Constantine in Tatoi north of Athens a national park.

The Minister of Agriculture, George Goergakis, aid the new national park would cover 10,500 acres of woodland and pastures.

IRA claims control of area

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — The outlawed Irish Republican Army has established military control over Northern Ireland's 64 square km. South Armagh area, IRA sources said yesterday.

The sources said a wave of bomb attacks in the area on Friday proved the IRA claim.

They said the Provisional IRA maintains armed foot patrols in the area, which juts into the Irish Republic, and has sealed off parts of it to British forces with land mines and snipers.

Maj. John Ricketts, a British officer investigating Friday's attacks, conceded "there is a deliberate IRA strategy to try and force us back to our barracks."

Ricketts denied it was succeeding. "We are determined not to move back to barracks but to dominate the area," he said.

Dozens of lunching shoppers fled a downtown Belfast restaurant yesterday minutes before a bomb ripped the premises, police said. A woman spotted a suspicious package on a seat in the Scandia Restaurant, close to City Hall, and raised the alarm.

Police and troops evacuated more than 50 persons, most of them women shoppers. The bomb exploded 20 minutes later, damaging the restaurant's interior badly but causing no casualties, police said.

The blasts on Friday wrecked two electricity power pylons and a grocery store at Crossmaglen and Colloville, southwest of Belfast, and cratered a field used by the Army as an observation post.

Vietcong suffer big losses

SAIGON. — Heavy Communist losses were reported yesterday in fierce fighting in the Central Highlands where South Vietnamese prisoners are due to be set free on Tuesday.

The South Vietnamese military command spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Le Trung Hien, told a daily briefing here that initial reports showed North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces lost 54 men killed in Friday night's fighting a few kms. from Duc Nghiep in Pleiku Province.

Government troops, supported by air strikes and artillery, suffered six killed and 17 wounded in the battle.

Military sources here said they did not think the fighting would affect the exchanges, resumed on Friday after being suspended for nearly seven months.

Casualties in the first 12½ months of the Vietnam cease-fire have passed 125,000 the Saigon Military Command said yesterday. *(Reuter, UPI)*

HEIKAL SEES SADAT

LONDON (Reuter). — "Al Ahram" editor Mohammed Hassanein Heikal, who was removed from his job by President Anwar Sadat, is to see Sadat today about his position, according to a report in the "Sunday Times."

Heikal was quoted in an interview as saying his personal relationships with Sadat were good and he was in no doubt that the reason for his removal from "Al Ahram" was his divergence from the Egyptian policy of relying on the good offices of the U.S. to solve the Middle East problem. Heikal has been offered the job of presidential press adviser, but is reported not yet to have accepted.

A man identified as Jacques Robert, right, holds a pistol in one hand and a fake grenade in the other as he forces an announcer to read a political statement over a Paris radio station early yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Gunman forces French radio to air his views

PARIS (UPI). — Police said yesterday that a gunman who seized hostages in a radio station early yesterday and forced a disc jockey to read a political tract, is a former mental patient who was accused of murdering his father.

They identified the man as Jacques Robert, 39, and said he had a history of prison sentences and bizarre crimes, including the planned kidnapping of French pop star Johnny Halliday and an attempt to extort money from French film comedian Louis de Funes.

The police said that Robert, dressed in a blue overcoat, sombre suit and carrying a bag in one hand with his right hand in his pocket, asked to see Radio Luxembourg disc jockey Max Meynier in the station's studio in the centre of Paris shortly before midnight.

The receptionist directed him to the studio.

Shortly afterwards listeners heard Meynier interrupt his music programme and say in an agitated voice: "I am forced to speak under threat... I am threatened... A man has a grenade."

Police squad cars, alerted by the statements, surrounded the building.

Meynier said Robert brandished a gun and a grenade — the grenade turned out to be a plastic toy — and prevented him or two of his colleagues in the studio from leaving.

He demanded Meynier broadcast a political message, which he did. Police said it was mainly incoherent, denouncing the government and taxes, and asking the French people to invest supreme power in Senate President Allain Poher.

Robert then gave himself up. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Jailed in Russia for 'hooliganism'

THE BITTER STORY OF YANKEL KHANSIS

By COLIN SHINDLER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON. — AMONG the many tragic stories of Soviet Jewish prisoners, the case of Yankel Leibovich Khansis is one of the saddest. He was first sentenced in August 1970, to two and a half years' imprisonment on a hooliganism charge. In March, 1972, he was arrested again and, at the trial held some nine months later, was given a further two years. Disturbing news coming out of his camp in Omutninsk in the Kirov district, now indicates that Yankel Khansis may face a third trial.

During his three years in prison, Khansis' physical condition has deteriorated greatly, and now both his legs are paralysed. Indeed, he had to be carried to his second trial, in September, 1972, on a stretcher. In addition, he spent some time in Moscow's notorious Serbsky Institute for Psychiatric Diseases, where many Soviet dissidents are confined for their political views.

Khansis had been looking forward to his release on March 7. But in mid-January, the situation changed. The officer in charge began to treat him unfairly. For example, Khansis has to use crutches and cannot stand in queues. The officer used insulting language at Khansis for not being able to keep his place in the dinner-line and, finally, barred him from the dining room. Now, despite his obvious disabilities, Yankel Khansis has been put into a solitary confinement cell, and the camp commandant has threatened to press criminal charges and indict him on a count of hooliganism.

Even more ominously, Khansis' wife, daughter, and grandchild were refused permission to postpone their departure from the USSR, so that they could all emigrate together after his release from prison. They left Kishinev towards the end of January.

Another strange twist to the story is the manner in which Galina, Khansis' daughter, was allowed to take her child with her to Israel. The Kishinev emigration authorities had at first refused to consider Galina's application to leave with the child without the consent of its father, her former husband. After many weeks of argument and protest, the word suddenly came from Moscow that they could leave, and the Kishinev emigration authorities then granted Galina and her child a permit to go to Israel.

Meanwhile, the authorities are still doing their best to provoke Khansis and stage a third trial before his date of release. The latest provocation was to delete from his wife's last letter to him before departure the names and addresses of friends and relatives with whom he could stay after release from prison.

First Soviet defeat in chess event

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

Hungarian grandmaster Lajos Portisch on Friday beat former world champion Tigran Petrosian in the 10th game of the World Chess Championship quarter-finals in Majorca. Petrosian remained in a 2-1 lead after winning the fifth and ninth games.

This was the first time any of the Russians taking part in the World Chess preliminaries sustained a defeat. From the start of the game it was evident that Portisch was all out to win. He launched a powerful king-side attack, sacrificing in the process a bishop and a rook to gain an irresistible mating attack. Petrosian, known for his high sense of danger, apparently underestimated the power of his rival's onslaught and resigned on the 33rd move.

Here is the game (queen's gambit declined) with Portisch playing white. 1.D4 D5 2.C4 E6 3.KTC3 BE7 4.KTF3 KTF6 5.BG5 0-0 6.E3 KTBD7 7.RC1 A6 8.C5 C6 9.BD3 B6 10.C:B C5 11.0-0 C4 12.BC2 KT:B6 13.KTE5 BB7 14.F4 RB8 15.F5 KTBD7 16.BF4 RC8 17.QF3 E:F5 18.B:F5 KT:E5 19.D:E5 KTE4 20.KT:E4 D:E4 21.QB3 G6 22.RCD1 QB6 23.RD7 RCE8 24.E6! G:F5 25.R:E7! R:E7 26.QG3 KH8 27.BH6 F:E6 28.B:F8 RD7 29.BH6 QA5 30.QB8 QD8 31.QE5 KG8 32.Q:E6 RF7 33.R:F5. Black resigns.

Under the rules three victories are required to clinch the match, but if after 16 games neither player has achieved them, the one in the lead is declared the winner. If they are tied, the judge flips a coin.

'Syria rejects secret U.S., Israeli plans'

WASHINGTON (JTA). — A "Washington Post" correspondent reported from Beirut on Friday that despite intensive efforts by the U.S. and Egypt, Syria's leaders are still refusing to agree to a disengagement of forces with Israel.

Quoting "well-informed diplomatic and Arab sources, he said that Syria last week sent its second rejection of secret American and Israeli proposals for disengagement talks since exchanges of ideas through U.S. diplomatic channels started in January.

The correspondent, Jim Hoagland, said the Syrian-Israeli deadlock was blocking both the formal resumption of peace talks at Geneva and the lifting of the Arab oil embargo.

Arab politicians and press "reacted angrily" on Friday to reports of Dr. Kissinger's tough remarks on "blackmail" aspects of the oil embargo, reports Hoagland. Some Beirut newspapers accused Kissinger of "insolence and arrogance." Some European and Arab diplomats in Beirut viewed Kissinger's tough approach as confirming reports that Syrian President Assad had been given a pledge by Saudi Arabia's King Faisal not to lift the embargo until an Israeli-Syrian disengagement is worked out.

The correspondent cited one report that Faisal had not committed himself on maintaining the embargo, but had promised Assad that Saudi Arabia would do all it could to support the Syrian position on disengagement.

The continued Syrian refusal has diplomats wondering about the effectiveness of Soviet pressure on Syria. Hoagland wrote that senior Egyptian policy-makers have said privately that they were counting on secret Soviet persuasion to prod Assad into going along to achieve a disengagement accord, but "thus far there is no evidence Moscow has accomplished much."

Several sources reported Syria is insisting on a much larger Israeli pullback into the Golan Heights than Israel is likely to accept, starting with evacuation of Kuneitra, which would "provide Assad with something of a selling point to use against the strong internal opposition he faces within his ruling Ba'th Party to any deal with the Israelis that is not firmly tied to a guarantee of total withdrawal from the Golan Heights."

Hoagland said the Syrian views are being passed to Israel through the recently-opened three-man U.S. diplomatic mission in Damascus.

Israel comment on Jordan deal

'UTTER NONSENSE'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Senior Government sources in Jerusalem last night termed as "utter nonsense" a report in yesterday's "Daily Telegraph" in London that Israel is preparing to return a number of positions along the Jordan River to King Hussein.

Writing from Amman, "Telegraph" correspondent John Bulloch claimed to have been told there that "broad agreement on a disengagement of Israeli and Jordanian forces" had already been reached and would be implemented as soon as there was progress on the Syrian front.

Under the agreement, Bulloch continued, "Israel intends to abandon the main Arab centres of population in the first instance, and to withdraw its forces to the hills overlooking the Jordan Valley. Jordanian civil administrators will then move in, but the Jordanian Army will remain on the east bank of the river."

ARABS PLAN THEIR PROPAGANDA WAR

CAIRO (UPI). — Egyptian Vice-Premier Abdel Kader Hatem yesterday opened a conference of Arab Information Ministers, declaring that world public opinion has "sharply and decisively" changed in the Arab's favour following the October War.

The conference is meeting at the headquarters of the Arab League to consider plans for unifying the information strategy of Arab countries in their conflict with Israel.

Outlining the future course of Arab propaganda, Hatem said it should be "quiet, scientific, preplanned and devoid of exaggerations concerning our or the enemy's strength. It should address the mind, not the heart, and should be based on truth and truth alone."

In preparing information plans, the Arabs should realise that "our conflict with Israel will be long, and that the enemy will not give in to the new circumstances which followed the October War."

Hatem said Arab information plans should be committed to the Arab objectives of Israeli withdrawal from all occupied lands and the restoration of the Palestinians' rights.

OCCUPATION OF ARAB MISSION ENDS

NEW DELHI (AP). — About 50 Palestinian students ended yesterday a three-day occupation of New Delhi's Arab League mission, proclaiming they had achieved their objective of publicly protesting the policies of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

"We have decided to leave this place since we have already expressed our resentment over the defeatist attitude of the Arab states toward the Middle East problem," said a spokesman for the General Union of Palestine Students.

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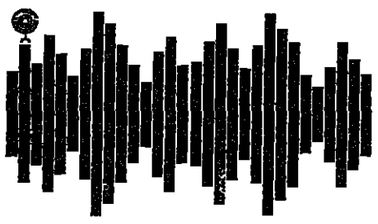

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SERIES 6, Thursday, 21.2.74
SERIES 7, Saturday, 23.2.74
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FRANCE, IRAN SIGN $5b. OIL-FOR-INDUSTRY DEAL

PARIS. — France and Iran announced yesterday they have concluded a $5b. deal in which France will build nuclear plants, factories and pipelines in Iran in return for natural gas and oil exploration rights.

Financial sources said they believed it was the biggest agreement of its kind ever made between an industrial country and an oil-producing state.

The outline agreement was signed by Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Iran's Minister of Economic Affairs, Houshang Ansary, after two days of talks by members of the mixed Franco-Iranian Economic Commission.

Finance Ministry sources said several contracts worth about $3b. are in advanced negotiation and the latest talks added projects worth a further $1.5 to $2b.

Iran said it was prepared to order from France nuclear power plants under conditions to be arranged between the companies and competent authorities of the two countries. French companies expressed their desire to secure further exploration rights in Iran.

The French delegation made known that French companies were prepared to construct a pipeline in association with other European interests to bring natural gas to Europe. The two delegations agreed on the joint construction of a gas liquefaction factory in Iran and assurance of the movement of this gas, particularly toward France.

Yesterday's announcement marked the latest in a series of deals between the oil-rich nation of Iran and Common Market states, faced with a serious recession as a result of rocketing oil prices and by the Arab production cuts.

British and German ministers have already made the trip to the Shah of Iran's winter retreat at St. Moritz and left with multi-million dollar deals involving oil and natural gas.

Unilateral action by Europe's major industrial nations has gone ahead despite opposition from within the Common Market and the U.S. *(UPI, Reuter)*

British Labour Party leader Harold Wilson and his wife, Mary, appeared very cheerful as they left the House of Commons in London after hearing the Prime Minister announce that general elections will be held on February 28. (AP radiophoto)

Fear of Arabs precludes joint front at meeting tomorrow

WASHINGTON. — Delegates to the first international energy conference began arriving here yesterday to prepare for tomorrow's opening session of the meeting designed to secure reliable energy supplies for the countries of the world.

The State Department said yesterday that all 13 nations attending the conference will be represented by their Foreign Ministers — in itself a major success for the U.S. initiative in proposing the conference.

Some sceptics have said the conference is doomed from the start to being a forum for generalities since the oil-consumer countries attending dare do nothing to offend Arab oil producers.

Fear of antagonising the Arabs precludes any attempt to form a common front of oil consumers or anything that smacks of retaliation against the Arab oil embargo and cutbacks in supplies to Western nations.

The conference is being attended by the U.S., Canada, Britain, West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Ireland and Japan, as well as by representatives of the European Common Market and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

U.S. officials report receiving indications that Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands and Japan, at least, roughly share its ideas on how to meet the international energy shortage — by cooperation between producers and consumers, rather than by unrestricted competition for available supplies.

The conference of consumer nations is to be followed by a meeting with less developed countries and then, the U.S. hopes, by a meeting with oil producers.

U.S. Treasury Secretary George Shultz, who will be a member of the U.S. delegation to the conference, said before a congressional committee on Friday that France had made a "bad deal" in seeking a 20-year bilateral guns-for-oil deal with Saudi Arabia — the kind of bilateralism the U.S. thinks should be avoided.

U.S. officials point out that at current high prices — about $11 a barrel — the Western nations will deplete their reserves and debase their currencies if they desperately seek oil at all costs.

France has already been forced to an effective devaluation of the franc — which means that Saudi Arabia is not receiving the high price it thinks it is getting for its oil.

Mr. Shultz warned Congress against cutting foreign assistance to poor nations which face possible famine as a result of the high price of oil.

The usually mild-mannered Shultz, who is reported ready to leave the Administration after more than four years of service, displayed rare outbursts of temper during a lengthy appearance before the congressional Economic Committee.

Mr. Shultz said that the high price of oil will mean many less developed nations will be unable to buy it and oil translates into fertiliser and without fertiliser there is going to be famine in many countries. *(Reuter)*

269,000 miners going on strike

Heath blasts Wilson as poll campaign begins

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Edward Heath said yesterday that the strike by 269,000 mineworkers due to start at midnight (last night) threatened the whole country. For this reason, he said, he was giving the people a chance to hold their own ballot in a general election on February 28.

Heath lashed out at "extremists" among the mineworkers' leaders and at Labour Party chief Harold Wilson in a blistering speech launching his campaign for re-election.

As he did so, the mineworkers, ignoring a last-minute peace appeal from him and overriding their own union president, began closing pits in preparation for the official walk-out.

Heath launched his campaign in a speech to a conference of Young Conservatives — his party's youth organization — at Southport.

Recalling that the mineworkers' executive had on Friday rejected an appeal from him to postpone the strike until the election, Mr. Heath said: "It is a sad and shameful thing" that Wilson did not join in the appeal. "He deliberately refused to associate himself with an appeal which could have meant that the miners' strike would never take place," Heath said.

"Only one explanation is possible," Heath said. "He dared not associate himself with my appeal because he knew his own position, his own title as leader of the Labour Party, depended upon the support of the extremists who were hell bent upon a strike."

As the campaign began, the state-run Central Electricity Generating Board served notice on the mineworkers and unions which have promised to support them that they risk being taken to court and sued for damages if they try to blockade power stations.

The government said the mineworkers' decision made it necessary to keep Britain on the three-day work week originally imposed on December 31 to conserve fuel supplies.

Energy Secretary Lord Carrington said the government would have put industry back on a normal five-day week if the strike had been postponed. However, Carrington said, no power cuts were planned at the moment.

The mineworkers demanded a 30 to 35 per cent pay rise. The state-run National Coal Board offered 16.5 per cent.

KUWAIT HOSTAGE DRAMA ENDS

Nine terrorists now free in S. Yemen

BEIRUT. — The Marxist government of Southern Yemen has given full freedom to the nine terrorists whose seizure of hostages in commando operations in Singapore and Kuwait held world attention for eight days, the Iraqi News Agency said yesterday.

At the same time the Yemeni authorities allowed the Japan Air Lines DC8 that brought the terrorists to Aden from Kuwait late Friday to leave for Tokyo, the agency said.

In dispatches from Aden, the agency said the government placed no restrictions on the nine terrorists — seven Arabs and two Japanese who claim membership in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Japanese "Red Army" — and told them they could leave Yemen any time they chose.

The terrorists were awaiting instructions from their command, the agency said.

The attack by five gunmen of the PFLP on the Japanese embassy in Kuwait on Wednesday was carried out to force Japan to send a plane to Singapore to pick up four other terrorists and then fly on to Kuwait. The terrorists in Singapore had tried to blow up oil installations and then held three hostages aboard a ferryboat in Singapore harbour for eight days.

Twelve hostages were held in the Japanese Embassy — two Arab employees and 10 Japanese, including Ambassador Yoshitaka Ishikawa.

The hostages, looking exhausted, were released when the Japanese plane arrived from Singapore with the Singapore terrorists aboard.

Masaru Alama, 52, pilot of the Japanese plane, told newsmen the terrorists, who were allowed to leave Kuwait with their grenades and pistols, sat quietly on the flight from Kuwait to Aden and treated the crew "humanely."

However, Japanese pilots in Tokyo warned yesterday that they would not cooperate if again asked to transport terrorists holding hostages.

The 380-strong Japanese Air Lines Captains' Union protested to Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and gave a warning they would refuse cooperation if a Japanese airliner were again needed for this purpose.

The attack on the Japanese embassy in Kuwait caused acute embarrassment to the Kuwaiti authorities, who have always given strong moral and financial support to the movement.

At first, the government tried to limit its involvement in the operation, by refusing to give landing permission to the Japanese airliner. There was considerable relief here yesterday that the government's later decision to allow the plane to land enabled the operation to end in a bloodless compromise. *(Reuter, UPI)*

The Japanese ambassador to Kuwait, Yoshitaka Ishikawa, freed by terrorists on Friday, at a press conference with a Kuwaiti Minister.

Soviet oil 'threat' to Iceland

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Soviet Union has made an implied threat against Iceland to cut off oil supplies unless it ousts a vital U.S. military base, Administration sources said yesterday.

The present American-North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) force of about 3,000 men is in Iceland now under a U.S.-Icelandic treaty of 1951, which is subject to revision.

One administration source termed the apparent Soviet threat to cut off oil "a clear example of how the Arab oil boycott has ramifications we haven't even begun to consider."

Except for airplane fuels, Iceland gets virtually all her petroleum from Russia.

Haraldur Kroyer, Icelandic ambassador to Washington, said in an interview: "there is no foundation for this rumour... there have been some delays in deliveries of (Soviet) oil over the last month, but these delays are purely technical."

He said the Soviets reported the delays were due to difficulties in meeting their shipping obligations to other countries.

One U.S. official said this actually was a Soviet hint of a possible cutoff. But, he added, doubt if the Russians would really carry out the threat if Iceland just called their bluff."

The late Soviet leader Josef Stalin in 1948 pressured Iceland, which has a population of only 200,000, by halting all trade with the volcanic island in the North Atlantic when Iceland decided to join the Marshall Plan. Trade was resumed in 1953 but was restricted to a few goods Iceland could buy with her rubles, principally fuel.

Maria Isabel Barrone, 34, Maria Velha da Costa, 35, and Maria Teresa Horta, 35, (left to right) before appearing in court in Lisbon, where they are accused of offending public morality with their book, "New Portuguese Letters." (AP radiophoto)

Drug mixture to fight cancer

DENVER (AP). — Combinations of four anti-cancer drugs have proved more significant than single drugs in treating breast cancers and a form of leukemia most common in children, National Cancer Institute doctors say.

The scientists from the Bethesda, Maryland, Research Center said on Friday that the drug combinations reduced or eliminated cancer symptoms altogether in some women suffering recurrent or widespread stages of cancers of the breast or ovary.

The institute said the combination treatments also proved dramatically effective in improving survival chances for patients suffering from Hodgin's Disease and leukemia, which usually afflicts youngsters.

The drugs, methotrexate, fluorouracip, cyclophosphamide and prednisone, induce several "different modes" of anti-cancer activity in the body, a cancer symposium was told.

Egypt and U.S. 'resuming ties soon'

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt will resume full diplomatic relations with the U.S. in the near future, most probably next month, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The move is a result of American peace efforts in the Middle East, the sources said.

Egypt considers that the U.S. has been playing a serious and honest role so far in post-war peace initiatives, they said.

Egypt, with six other Arab countries, broke off diplomatic ties with Washington during the Six Day War.

The sources expect the resumption of U.S.-Egyptian ties to come after March 5 — the date Egypt and Israel are scheduled to complete implementation of their disengagement agreement.

Army takes over in Upper Volta

OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta (UPI). — Army units patrolled this city yesterday to enforce a curfew following a military take-over in Upper Volta.

The 1,750-man army seized power on Friday in a reportedly bloodless coup and clamped down a curfew from 6 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. The army also dissolved parliament and suspended the constitution.

Observers said it was not yet clear if President Gen. Sangoule Lamizana had been deposed by the junta and left in place as a figurehead.

Upper Volta is a major exporter of manganese.

Lamizana announced the coup over radio, but did not specify his role in the plot. He said a new government of "national renewal" would be formed soon and would include both military men and civilians.

The take-over came on the heels of a policy dispute between Lamizana and Premier Gerard Kango Ouedraogo and the resignation of two ministers. There was no public disclosure of what the dispute was over.

It marked the second time since Upper Volta's assumption of independence from France in 1960 that the army has intervened in political affairs. In 1966, a military plot removed President Maurice Yameogo. He was replaced by Lamizana.

Rumanian President to visit Lebanon

BUCHAREST, Rumania (UPI). — President Ceaucescu will pay an official visit to Lebanon from February 14 to 17, the official news agency Agerpres said on Friday.

Ceausescu is also scheduled to visit Libya and Syria later this month and diplomatic sources said these visits would probably be combined with the Lebanon trip although no dates for them have yet been announced.

Solzhenitsyn ignores order from court

MOSCOW (UPI). — Alexander Solzhenitsyn was summoned to appear before a prosecuting attorney on Friday, but failed to do so, literary sources said yesterday.

It was the first known action of a judicial nature against the Nobel Laureate since the publication of his latest book, "The Gulag Archipelago," in Paris in December.

On January 2, Soviet media began a ferocious assault on Solzhenitsyn, calling him a traitor, pro-Nazi, pro-Tsarist and a tool of anti-Soviet reaction in the West.

The sources said the prosecutor's summons did not make it clear why Solzhenitsyn was wanted for questioning. They said it may have been in connection with statements he has made to Western newsmen in recent days about police harassment against his family.

Indian minister quits after riots

NEW DELHI, India (AP). — The head of government in Gujarat resigned yesterday, becoming the first chief minister of an Indian state forced from office by civil disorders and riots.

Students massed outside Chief Minister Chimanbhai Patel's official residence in Ahmedabad, the state capital 750 kms. southwest of New Delhi, cheered loudly at the announcement.

They marched through the streets in what student leaders called a "victory procession."

Patel resigned exactly one month after food and price riots began, disturbances that have taken more than 40 lives, including one man killed by police yesterday in Baroda, the state's second city.

PFLP campaign predicted

More terror expected

BEIRUT (UPI). — The terrorist attacks in Singapore and Kuwait probably signal a stepped-up campaign of violence by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Arab press commentators said yesterday.

"[illegible] operations [illegible] be expected," a commentator in the Beirut press survey "Arab World" said. "The PFLP may have embarked on a new campaign abroad."

The Marxist PFLP, alone among the main terrorist factions, is maintaining outright opposition to projected plans for creation of a small Palestinian state on territory given up by Israel under an eventual peace settlement. Its leader, George Habash, said at a terrorist symposium last month that the only way to get back Palestine for the Palestinians was by force of arms.

Press commentators said the PFLP could be expected to try to impede any moves toward a partial settlement of the Palestinian claims by staging terrorist operations.

The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), meeting under its chairman Yasser Arafat on Friday, has been considering suspending the PFLP from membership because of its recent resumption of terrorist operations, press reports said.

Such a move would widen the existing split between the PFLP and the other factions over the approach to a negotiated Middle East settlement. For this reason press commentators did not expect the suspension to take place.

However, the commentators said, there was nothing the terrorist umbrella organization could do to prevent clandestine PFLP factions stepping up their attacks abroad if the PFLP leaders were bent on sabotaging the peace moves.

Nomination of Sisco confirmed by Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Joseph Sisco to be Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

Sisco is Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Saudi Arabia gives $11m. to Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda (UPI). — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has given $11,912,500 to Uganda's armed forces, Radio Uganda said on Friday.

The money will be used to develop army barracks and other military establishments in Uganda, the radio said.

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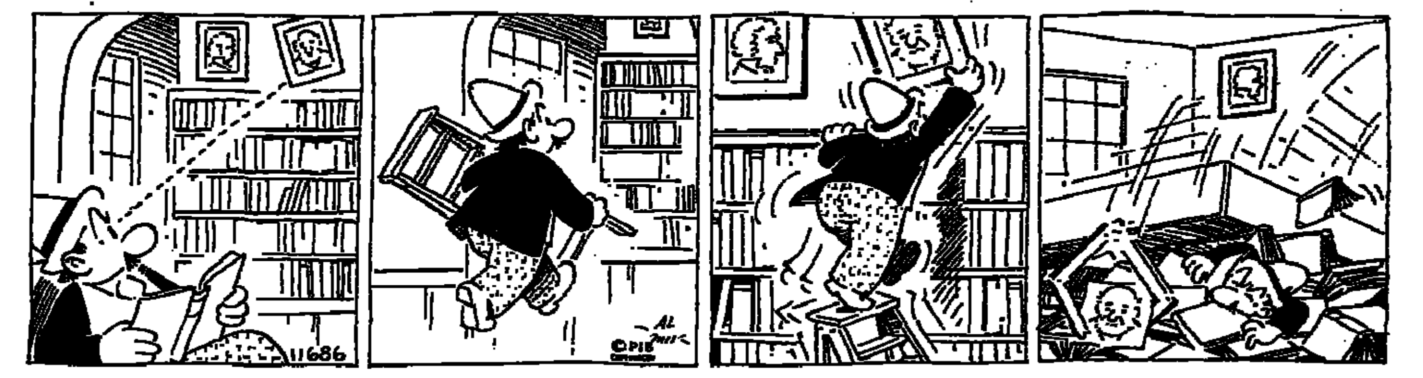

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JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: Monique; **CHEN:** Bozanka in the Gymnasium; **EDEN:** The Getaway; **EDISON:** The Steel Finger; **HABIRAH:** Decameron No. 2; **JERUSALEM:** Splendour in the Grass; **ORGIL:** Diary of a Virgin; **ORION:** The Mackintosh Man; **ORNA:** Class of 44; **RON:** Gone With The Wind; **SEMADAR:** Far From the Madding Crowd.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Emperor of the North Pole; **ARMON:** L'aventure C'est L'aventure; **ATZMON:** The Stone Killer; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Two Women, Mouchette, Ni Vu Ni Connu; **CHEN:** Le Grand Blond Une Chaussure Noire; **MORIAH:** Karablan; **MIRON:** Fist to Fist; **ORAH:** Blume in Love; **ORDAN:** The Last Summer; **ORION:** Mrs. Wartt; **ORLY:** What Do You Say To A Naked Lady?; **PEER:** Theatre of Blood....; **RON:** The Erotic Priest; **SHAVIT:** Even Angels Eat Beans.

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Tuesday, February 12 at 5 p.m.
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Wednesday, February 13 at 10.30 a.m.
Meeting of Absorption Committee.

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Thursdays
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Tuesday, February 12
5.00 p.m. A.A.C.I. Seniors: Business Meeting
5.45 p.m. Mr. Mordecai SHTAYER: MASSADA with slides. Everybody welcome.
7.30 p.m. Stamp Collectors
7.45 p.m. Mr. RAFI GAT will lecture in Easy Hebrew on THE INTERESTS OF THE GREAT POWERS IN THE AREA. (arr. by Haifa Municipality)

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9.00 p.m. ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

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8.30 p.m. Playreading.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

8.05 "Morning Concert — Fasch: Sonata for Strings (conductor: Rolf Reinhardt); Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto No. 1 in D-minor (Soloist: Roberto Michelucci); Gershwin: "Rhapsody in Blue," for Piano and Orchestra (Soloist and Conductor: Andre Previn). 9.05 Beethoven: Rondino for Wind Octet (The London "Melos" Ensemble); Schubert: Variations in A-flat major on an original Theme (Ruth Gassner and Uri Haber-Scheim — Duo-Pianists); Verdi: Quartet in E-minor for Strings ("I Solisti Veneti"). 9.55 English News. 10.05 Berlioz: Orchestral Music from "Romeo and Juliet" (Conductor: Carlo-Maria Giulini). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.06 Ivrit La'am. 11.40 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Midday Concert: Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 3. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Midday Concert — Mendelssohn: Octet for Strings, opus 20. 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radioda"— "Bettering your Knowledge. 4.05 "First Broadcast" — Emili Berendsen-Bloch (Mezzo-Soprano), with Jonathan Zak (Piano). Hugo Wolf: Three Songs; Mozart: Recitative and Aria from "Cosi fan tutte"; Charles Ives: Four Songs. 4.30 "Musica Viva" — Electronic Works by Ilhan Mimargolu: 1. "Wings of the *Delirious Demon*", 2. "*Anacolutha*": Encounter," and "Episode II." 3. Provocations. 5.05 "Music for Sunday" — Guillaume de Machaut: "Notredame" Mass (The Deller Consort); Stravinsky: Missa (1948) (The Gregg Smith Singers, and Winds of the "Columbia" Orchestra, conducted by the Composer). 5.55 English News. 6.05 People and Figures. 6.25 In the Paths of Literature. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.30 Programme Trailer. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, chaps. 17 and 18. 8.05 Film Review. 8.45 "From our Concert Halls" — The Israel Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Gary Bertini; Bach: Two Sinfonias from Cantatas (Soloists: Smadar Shazar-Oboe, Valery Maisky-Organ); Mozart: Missa in C-minor (with The Berlin Concert Choir, and the Soloists: Barbara Hendrick — Soprano, Lois Yavnielli — Soprano, Heiner Hopfner — Tenor and Nikolaus Hillebrandt — Bass). 10.05 "Curtain Up." 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Chamber Music" — Schoenberg: Fantasy for Violin and Piano, opus 47 (Arnold Steinhardt and Peter Serkin); Faure: Trio in D-minor for Piano, Violin and Cello (J. Hubeau, R. Gallois-Montbru, A. Navarra). 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05 Same as Second Programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05 a.m. songs and tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises 6.15 Musical Clock 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.65 "Green Light. 8.05 Announcements 8.11 "Good morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines 9.05 Good Morning (co: 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to g and light music. 12.05 Programme f the Worker and the Employer. 12.3 "Smile" — Songs and sketches. 1.05 "A Midday." 1.25 Hebrew Songs 2.05 Th is Ehud Manor. 3.05 Popular Song Pnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05 Tunes in the Nigh rade (cont.) 5.55 "Traffic Sign." 6.0 Hit Parade (cont.). 6.45 Today's spor 9.05 "Family Magazine." 10.05 Fro me Marie" — with Marie Peer. 11. "Tonight." 11.25 Talks with Gideo Lev-Ari. 11.50 Old Favourites. 1.0 3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song an Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melod

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew Ivr La'am. 7.15 Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.0 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.4 Russian 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMME

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and shor waves) 9.55 a.m. (1st programme): 1.3 2.00 p.m. (4th programme and sho waves); (4th programme): 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMME:

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and sho waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme): 2.0 2.30 p.m. (4th programme and sho waves); 6.50 p.m. (1st programme): 5.4 9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a (short waves).

1st Programme — 522, 256 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 292, 407 and 445 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 31, 33, 41 and 48 M.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 The *Brady Bunch*. 6.00 Ot Ot. 8.00 Family Affair. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "Mission Impossible." 9.50 What's New. 10.40 A programme with Naomi Shemer. 11.15 News. 11.20 Service Broadcast.

Educational: 7.50 Technology 9. 8.15 Geometry 9. 8.40 Literature 2-5. 9.05 English 5. Citizenship 7. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 Science 6. 10.45 French. 12.00 English 10. 12.30 Advice and Guidance 7. 1.00 Technical Drawing 9. 1.20 A Game on Words. 1.40 Chess Lesson 21. 4.00 Batia Uziel's prog. 4.15 Chess Lesson 21. 4.30 French. 4.45 Music. 5.00 "Mother and Us." **Arabic:** 6.30 News. 6.32 The Forest Rangers. 7.00 Hollywood and the Stars. 7.30 News.

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6.05 a.m. Early Morning Tunes 6. To soldiers and their families 7.05 Mor ing Tunes (cont.) 7.55 Programme Tra er 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Request 11.05 Warm and Tasty — Greeting 11.55 Shlomo Sheva's Corner. 12. Zahal's Newsreel. 12.20 Warm a Tasty. 1.30 "I'll never forget." 1. Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announceme 2.05 Entertainment—with Mani Peer a Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Program Trailer 3.05 Entertainment (cont.) 4. "Question for a Moment" 4.25 Entertai ment (cont.) 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5. Tunes for Everybody — greetings. 6. "Radiosport," 8.05 Hebrew Hit Parad 10.05 Tonight with Uri Sela. 11.53 Mi night Talks 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12. "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan a Pnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05 Tunes in the Nig

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G. The Administration of Ben-Gurion Airport does not undertake to accept the highest bid or any bid whatsoever.

Seamen's strike ends after marathon talks

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The seamen's strike ended at eight o'clock on Friday night, 32 hours after it began, following marathon negotiations. The ratings union had struck the 20 Israeli freighters in the country's ports on Thursday, demanding benefits and rights for the 160 stewards of the passenger ships Dan and Nili, which have been laid up since October.

They asked that the stewards receive advances on unemployment pay from the Government, and that their employment rights be recognized, as the Transport Minister had promised when the Government decided to abolish the passenger fleet earlier this month. The settlement included a provision for IL1,000 advances to be paid to the men by a government agency by Tuesday.

Work on the ships was resumed immediately, but one of them — the Zim roll-on, roll-off freighter Iris struck by the Marine Officers Union a week ago — is still strike-bound. The officers are standing pat on their demand for special working conditions or a larger complement for the ship, and she continued to occupy a berth in Haifa port, aggravating congestion there.

The break-through towards a settlement of the ratings strike came at noon on Friday, when Captain Nimrod Eshel, general manager of the Zim passenger lines company, hammered out a provisional compromise agreement with the union, on behalf of the Transport Ministry. The compromise followed direct talks and telephone negotiations that lasted through most of Thursday night.

To get government approval of the settlement and clear up outstanding differences, a final meeting of all parties concerned was convened at three on Friday afternoon by Moshe Levy of the Histadrut Executive. It was attended by the Accountant General, the director of the Government Companies Authority, the directors of the shipping companies, including Captain Eshel, and the union leaders. After five hours of bargaining, final agreement was reached and the union called off the strike.

Though no details of the agreement were revealed, *The Post* learned that it provided for "forced unemployment" pay to the men of the Dan and Nili who have not yet found alternative jobs in the merchant navy, retroactive to the time of their dismissal. The pay will include social benefits and is to be continued "for a reasonable period," apparently through March.

Meanwhile, a committee is to be set up by the Transport Ministry to review the cases of each of the 160 men and try to find suitable jobs for them by April 5.

Union Secretary Shlomo Avitan said the stewards were still looking for a shipping company willing to operate one of the ships with a government subsidy of not more than IL5m. annually. The Transport Minister has promised to submit such an offer to the Government.

Target: Peacetime tourism

Lebanese firm seeks cooperation with Zim

HAIFA. — A Lebanese travel company in Beirut has offered to cooperate with Zim passenger lines company in the promotion of tourism to Lebanon and Israel "when peace is established shortly."

Captain Nimrod Eshel, director of the company, told the Engineers' Club here Friday the letter reached a subsidiary in Paris a month ago — before the decision was made to liquidate the Zim passenger fleet. The Lebanese firm said before 1948 the two countries had been a great attraction for tours including visits to both, and would again benefit mutually by working together when peace came. The firm believed this would be soon. They also offered to serve as the line's agent in Lebanon.

Captain Eshel said this was but one example of the importance of a passenger fleet to Israel, noting that tourism would probably flourish more than ever after peace settlements were made in the area. He said he fully accepted the government's decision to abolish the fleet. At the same time he believed a passenger fleet was needed both for tourism and to provide a popular-priced facility for overseas visits. He noted that public transport the world over had to be subsidized.

Captain Eshel told *The Post* he was now winding up the firm. Zim on Thursday returned its 50 per cent share to the government. The board of directors resigned and was replaced by a smaller three-man board which asked him to continue at his post to wind up the company's affairs. He had already reached agreement on compensation for the European firms who signed charter parties for the two ships for this year. "There will be some losses but they will be smaller than we anticipated," he said. The ships had already been returned to the government for sale abroad.

New high for gold on London market

LONDON (UPI).—Buyers in France, flooded London's gold market on Friday with orders, pushing the metal's price to a new high of $145 an ounce.

On foreign currency markets, the U.S. dollar gained against the Swiss franc and Dutch guilder but lost ground against most other European currencies.

Bullion dealers said gold changed hands at $145 an ounce at one point in London, up $5 on Thursday's closing price and surpassing the previous London peak of $143.40 reached on Jan. 21.

"Demand is coming in from France, West Germany and the Middle East," said a dealer for the gold brokerage firm of Samuel Montagu and sons, Ltd. "It seems to reflect a growing lack of confidence in paper currency in these high-inflation days."

The dollar surged briefly against the pound following the decision of British miners' leaders to press ahead with a nationwide strike. But the dollar later slipped to $2.25 to the pound, down marginally from Thursday's closing rate of 2.2475.

But on the Paris commercial market, the dollar closed at 5.0350 francs, down from Thursday's close of 5.0425. On the Paris financial market used by tourists and money speculators, the dollar ended the day at 5.11 francs, down sharply from Thursday's close of 5.15.

In Zurich, the dollar closed at 3.237 Swiss francs, up from Thursday's close of 3.236. The dollar ended the day in Amsterdam at 2.8713 guilders, up slightly from Thursday's close of 2.8643.

Resumed trade tomorrow in index-linked bonds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Trading in index-linked bonds will be resumed on the stock market tomorrow — and not today as originally stated, the stock market announced yesterday.

Trading was officially stopped last Tuesday to allow both sellers and buyers to study the terms of the new Government issues. However, since the terms have not yet been published, the stock market decided to give the authorities one day more of grace. But to insure the rights of both buyers and sellers of the present index-linked bonds, it has been decided to resume trading in them tomorrow.

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French Fr.	5.02/5.03	per $
French Fin	5.11/5.13	per $
Lire	658½/659½	per $
Belgian Fr.	41.46/51	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.8610/30	per $
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Japan to import Egyptian crude

TOKYO (Reuter). — Japan will shortly import Egyptian crude oil for the first time on a direct deal, a Japanese trading firm announced

Sansho International, Inc. said it has arranged a two-year contract with the General Petroleum Company, affiliated with the state-controlled Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, to import 100,000 tons this year beginning next month and 500,000 tons next year.

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The oil would be supplied from Ras Charib oilfields, it added.

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By Order of the Board
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Mobilized contractor wins injunction

A Jerusalem contractor now on active reserve duty won an injunction from the District Court last week forbidding a couple in Ein Kerem from hiring another contractor to renovate their house.

The contractor, Yitzhak Bachar, said through his attorney Shalom Levi that he had contracted to renovate the house of Ya'acov and Esther Marsel, an artist couple living in Ein Kerem. He was forced to suspend work because he was called up at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur war.

The Marsels got tired of waiting and hired another contractor to finish the job. Mr. Bachar went to court.

Two hosiery mills put in receivership

TEL AVIV. — Receivers were appointed last week for the Mefiba and Gerev Yafe hosiery mills, at the request of two banks which say the firms owe them IL8.5m.

The Industrial Development Bank, which says it is owed IL5m., and the Israel Discount Bank, which has a IL3.5m. claim, told District Court Judge Shlomo Lowenberg that they wanted to keep Gerev Yafe running. They added that both firms belong to a Parisian investor who has recently gone bankrupt in France.

The receivers, attorney Gershon Zamir and Menahem Goren, are empowered not only to conserve the firms' assets pending possible liquidation, but to submit a report — preferably by February 20 — on marketing prospects, expenses involved in keeping the plants running, and such other aspects as creditors, workers, financing and management.

The attorney for the Industrial Development Bank said there had been a marked drop in sales of Mefiba and Gerev Yafe goods. Only the latter plant, with a work force of 170 in Afula, was still operating. Difficulties had grown when the French owner, Mr. Liebermann, went bankrupt, and were compounded when a German and an American firm with which the mills had marketing agreements themselves ran into financial trouble.

The lawyers put the investment in Gerev Yafe at IL4.6m., and in Mefiba at IL500,000 *(Itim)*

No plan to halt work on Concorde

PARIS (AP). — French Transport Minister Yves Guena said last week the Government has no plans to halt the production of the troubled Anglo-French supersonic airliner Concorde, but he declined to divulge details of a secret Government report on the whole Concorde project.

The report was prepared by Gen. Rene Bloch, Director of the French Military Aviation Research Centre, after most major airlines dropped their options on Concorde because its range, capacity and performance fell below their expectations, and its cost far exceeded their estimates. Earlier news reports said the Concorde production programme was being severely curtailed in view of the inadequate number of firm orders.

The Communist-led Federation of Metallurgical Workers alleged on Tuesday that the Bloch report was being kept secret because it urged the abandonment of Concorde and its replacement by a super-Concorde to be designed and built in cooperation with the U.S. aircraft industry.

"This accusation has no basis in fact," Guena told a radio interviewer. "I cannot discuss the Bloch report because it is, in fact, being kept secret, but I can tell you that it does not envisage a halt in the Concorde programme."

THE NABLUS Government Hospital last week opened its new School of Nursing, in a ceremony attended by Mayor Ma'azuz al-Masri, and the Judea-Samaria medical officer, Dr. Daniel Pridan.

HOTEL. — Twenty of the 23 stories of the Jerusalem Hilton are already up. The hotel, being constructed by Solel Boneh, is due for completion in September. (Rahman)

GOVERNMENT PLANNER PREDICTS

People will buy less, build less this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Private consumption will drop by 8.5 per cent this year, to the level of 1972. Defence purchases will rise by 50 per cent in the first half of this year, and by more than 75 per cent in the second half. Residential and other civilian building activity will shrink by approximately 15 per cent, while construction in the defence sector will expand appreciably.

These are some of the estimates given last week by Avraham Shaliv, director of the Industrial Planning Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Shaliv bases his projections on the premise that the rate of army mobilization remains at its present level at least for the first six months of this year, and that the number of "area" Arab workers still away from their jobs — about 2,000 — will remain unchanged. Three other assumptions are that immigration will be slightly greater than last year; that the population as a whole will increase by 3.4 per cent during 1974; and that the trucking shortage will gradually be relieved.

"This year's estimates, more than those of any other year, are subject to change," Mr. Shaliv says. "The big question mark is the number of industrial workers who will be released from the army.

According to Mr. Shaliv, the country's gross national product this year is expected to total IL31,500m. That was the estimate for 1973, if there were no war. The war brought last year's GNP down by seven per cent, he says.

The main victim of the changing priorities in the economy will be industrial exports, according to the Commerce Ministry's planners. These exports will fall this year — from the $1,275m. expected in 1973, to $1,180m. (The actual figure for 1973, due to the war, was 1,192m.)

The biggest drop in this year's industrial exports will be in the diamond sector, because of difficult market conditions abroad and the general falloff in speculation, a factor that enlivened the diamond trade in the past two years. Likewise, the metals-and-electronics branch will experience a slight weakening in export activity. This will be due to greater home demand for local output of their products as well as increased purchases for defence.

The average rate of employment in industry as a whole is expected to drop by 5.7 per cent this year, compared with 1973. At the same time, more and more industrial workers will have to transfer to jobs in the metals-and-electronics industries.

Dismissal two years before retirement was legal

(Continued from Thursday)

In the Supreme Court sitting as High Court of Justice

Before the Deputy President (Justice Sussman), Justices Cohn and Kister

Assia Chemical Laboratories, Petitioners, v. 1. National Labour Tribunal, 2. Dr. Z. Rokas, Respondents (H.C. 254/73).

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

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EMPLOYER HAS RIGHT TO FIRE WORKER

With the above conclusion, held Justice Sussman, he could have ended his judgment, were it not for the fact that in the meanwhile the Contracts (General Provisions) Law, 1973 had come into force and this Law provides, in section 39, that "any obligation or right arising from a contract shall be fulfilled in the usual manner and in good faith" — which is a principle of German law.

Since this indicates a tendency to abandon the ties with the English common law, and since the German labour laws negate an employer's right to dismiss an employee unfairly, it is possible, he continued, that the respondent should have been allowed the opportunity of attempting to convince the Labour Tribunal that the petitioners had not been entitled to dismiss him, as the Labour Tribunal itself had thought.

However, he held, even on the assumption that the respondent could succeed in persuading the Labour Tribunal of this — despite the fact that it would be inconsistent with the Supreme Court's past rulings — the question would still arise as to whether the Tribunal could force the petitioners to continue to employ him (in contradistinction to forcing them to pay him compensation).

In considering this question, Justice Sussman noted that with the enactment of the Contracts (Remedies for the Breach Of) Law, the status of specific performance had been raised in Israel from the inferior position it occupied in English law to a position of equality with, if not superiority over, the remedy of compensation. Nevertheless, he continued, this Law expressly excludes contracts for personal service from the application of the principle of specific performance, and although this Law is not applicable to contracts entered into before it came into force, still the clearly-expressed intention of the legislator should serve as a warning against any attempt to introduce new concepts with respect to contracts which were made before the Law came into force, especially since in fact the same principle as that now given the approval of the legislature had applied to them at the time they were made.

As to the Labour Tribunal's opinion, continued Justice Sussman, that changing times require changing approaches, while he agreed with it, he could, nevertheless, see no reason, even under present labour conditions, why an employer should be forced to continue to employ a person with whom he cannot get on and whose presence could upset the proper working of his enterprise and reduce his profits, to the detriment of the economy as a whole.

Furthermore, while it is true that the English rule negating specific performance of service contracts has been criticized by leading jurists, and while he was prepared to concede, in addition, that in theory the general duty to pay a dismissed worker severance compensation, whether he has been lawfully or unlawfully dismissed, does not negate, or derogate from, the possibility of invalidating an unjustified dismissal, he thought, held Justice Sussman, that it was up to the legislature only to decide whether to change the principle laid down in section 3(a) of the Contracts (Remedies for Breach of) Law, and this did not come within the province of the courts.

In short, concluded Justice Sussman, he thought that the order *nisi* should be made absolute and that the National Labour Tribunal's decision to reject the petitioners' application to have the respondent's action dismissed *in limine* should be set aside.

Justice Cohn

Justice Cohn held, at the outset, that he was still of the opinion, as he had been in H.C. 403/71 (2 P.D. 26/81), that the High Court is not competent to consider a petition against a decision of the National Labour Court on a matter which comes within its exclusive jurisdiction. However, he continued, he had decided to bow to the will of the majority, in this matter, as the question of jurisdiction of the courts and tribunals is one of those questions in which the consistency and stability of the decisions affecting them is all-important.

On the merits of the case, Justice Cohn held that he was prepared to concur with the Labour Tribunal on *the following points: that conceding* that a worker's right to a place of employment is a quasi-proprietorial right would not be repugnant to the basic concepts of labour relations, as reflected in the law practised in Israel; that an employer is entitled to fire an employee at any time and for any reason, unless he is prevented from doing so by law, by a labour contract or by a collective agreement; that there is no need to have recourse in this particular case to the English common law and principles of equity; that the Labour Tribunals are not bound, in matters which come within their exclusive jurisdiction, by Supreme Court precedents; and that the Labour Tribunal is competent, even by way of injunction, to enforce a provision of a collective agreement which prohibits the dismissal of a worker.

Justice Cohn then went on to point out that no-one disputed the fact that neither the law nor the contract *between the petitioners and* the respondent contained anything preventing the respondent's dismissal at any time and for any reason — which left only the possibility that the collective agreement applicable to the parties contained some such provision. However, he held, not only was proof of this not proferred, but no such claim was ever made by the respondent. And as to the Tribunal's opinion that the very existence of a collective agreement is sufficient to prevent an employer from dismissing a worker, he could not, continued Justice Cohn, find any justification for it either in the Collective Agreements Law or in any other law.

Where, however, continued Justice Cohn, a collective agreement does contain a clause to the effect that a worker may not be dismissed and must be employed until he reaches retirement age, then the worker's right to a place of work can be deemed to be a quasi-proprietorial one. However, the nature of this right does not derogate from *its contractual origins; and in order* for it to be realised, the contract from which it derives its existence must be enforced — which is impossible in the case of a contract for personal service, because of the provisions of section 3(2) of the Contracts (Remedies for the Breach Of) Law, and its predecessor. So that even if the respondent had claimed, and had been able to prove, that there is a collective agreement applicable to his employment and this agreement contains an express provision preventing the petitioners from dismissing him, his action would still have had to be dismissed *in limine* in so far as it referred to specific performance of this provision, as he had been engaged to perform a personal service.

In conclusion, Justice Cohn noted that in so far as he could gather, the respondent's main complaint was not so much that he was being deprived of his quasi-proprietorial right to be employed, but that he was being fired a short time before he was due to retire and was thus being deprived of his right to a pension. If, therefore, he added, the respondent's dismissal did constitute a breach of any contract of employment, it was very possible that in addition to the compensation which would be coming to him in the normal course of events, he might be able to claim compensation for the loss of his pension rights. In other words, if the respondent were right in his allegations about being unjustifiably dismissed, then an action for compensation would be the right and proper way for him to achieve full satisfaction.

For this reason, therefore, held Justice Cohn, he thought that the order *nisi* should be made absolute.

Justice Kister

In concurring that the order *nisi* should be made absolute, Justice Kister said that the problem of dismissing a person without justification is a very vexed one and it is not always possible to right the wrong done by way of compensation. Jewish law, he continued, tends to look with opprobrium upon arbitrary dismissals (see H.C. 290/65, 1 P.D. 20/29, and Rabbinical Court Judgments 8/129); while the workers' organizations, too, exploit their power to ensure that a worker is not fired without good reason. It would have been preferable, though, if they could protect workers from arbitrary dismissal and ensure they be returned to their employment, without recourse to strikes, but through the judicial process. However, as the law stands today, it would be difficult for them, he concluded, and just because of the existing state of the law, he saw no alternative but to concur with Justice Sussman's opinion. Order *nisi* made absolute, decision given on January 6, 1974.

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	49,635,000	37,339,000
Debentures Convertible into Shares	20,000,000	—
	69,635,000	37,339,000
Other Debentures	788,738,000	572,260,000
Deposits for the Granting of Loans	499,270,000	438,097,000
Savings Deposits	47,398,000	38,058,000
Other Accounts	53,245,000	34,459,000
	1,458,286,000	1,120,213,000

ASSETS	IL	31.12.72 IL
Loans	792,638,000	628,322,000
Deposits with the Israel Treasury (31.12.73 — including IL558,332,000 through Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M., parent company)	630,015,000	468,571,000
	1,422,653,000	1,096,893,000
Investments	7,463,000	3,056,000
Other Accounts	27,265,000	19,090,000
Deferred Expenses (in connection with Issue of Debentures)	905,000	1,174,000
	1,458,286,000	1,120,213,000

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HEATH GOES TO POLLS

THE outcome of Britain's snap election is clouded in uncertainty and so too is Britain's future whichever party will win at the polls. If the ruling Conservatives get back in they can only continue the policies pursued so far. These policies have seen the pound fall to an unprecedented low on international money markets, put Britain on a three-day working week, brought it into the European Economic Community on terms which perhaps as much as half the population believe were unfavourable, and which certainly have not produced the beneficial effects which were anticipated.

Edward Heath and the Tory leaders want to make the election a straight fight on who rules the country, the Government or the trade unions. However, the National Union of Miners is not one of the parties contesting the election, and many people will not see the poll in such simplistic terms.

The Government's record so far is not impressive. Britain's economy is in serious trouble, and blaming it all on rising prices of raw materials world wide is not an adequate answer. The Government pursued a policy of economic growth which has foundered and led Britain to the largest trade deficit in its history.

The Government's efforts in Northern Ireland have also failed to produce the hoped for fruits of peace.

The imposition of the arms embargo during the Yom Kippur war and the subsequent grovelling posture towards the Arab oil producers have done little to raise the esteem of Heath or his Cabinet colleagues.

The Labour Party will be hoping to take advantage of the public disgruntlement on these many issues to get back into power. Little has changed in the Labour Party since it lost power nearly four years ago, but the personal brand of pragmatism of Harold Wilson may prove a greater asset in these times of change.

If Labour does win, it will be able to offer the miners more money and fulfil its election slogan of "Back to work with Labour," something for which millions of people on a three-day working week will be grateful. Then it will have to deal with the legacy of economic chaos which it will have inherited from the Conservatives.

The Liberals, who enjoyed a minor popular revival last autumn, will be hoping to win enough seats to hold the balance of power in the Parliament, but their popularity has waned in recent months, and it now seems unlikely that they will register as high a poll as seemed possible earlier.

These are troubled times in Britain, the world's oldest democracy, and whatever the outcome Britain faces a long hard struggle to regain some of its unity and economic strength.

MEETING WITH JEWISH INTELLECTUALS

Secret briefing discomfits Henry K

Called Europeans 'jackals' and Faisal 'fanatic' • Seeks buffer zones

WASHINGTON (JTA).—The "Washington Post" reported yesterday that notes of a lengthy meeting last December 6, between Dr. Henry Kissinger and seven Jewish writers and professionals in his office have been circulated privately "much to the embarrassment of Kissinger, who made some undiplomatic and injudicious statements to old Harvard colleagues in what he considered an informal talk."

The "Post" reported that one of the participants drafted a nine-page record of the meeting from his recollections of the discussions. According to this record, Kissinger called the Europeans "craven" and "contemptible," referred to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia as a "religious fanatic," and asserted that he had "deliberately stalled" on getting a cease-fire during the October War to "gain time" for Israel.

The "Post" said Kissinger has called the report "inaccurate" and "out of context" although "its accuracy" has been confirmed by several of the others who were present."

As a group, the Jewish intellectuals were united in their concern over Israel's fate, and the meeting was arranged to deal with that concern. It was at a time of uneasiness among American Jews and in Israel that, in pushing for a settlement, the U.S. could exert pressure in only one place, Jerusalem, and "there was a pervading anguish that Israel might be sacrificed for the larger goal of Soviet-American detente."

Kissinger was described by the "Post" as eager to line up American Jewish support "and through this assuage Israeli fears that because he was Jewish he would bend over backwards to be fair to the Arabs. Only in this way, he has said, could he get Israel to negotiate. At the same time, he had to prove to the Arabs that his Jewish heritage would not make him 'tilt' toward Israel."

The meeting was suggested to him by Rita Hauser, a Republican New York lawyer, who had sought Jewish support for President Nixon's re-election in 1972. Those invited were Norman Podhoretz, editor of "Commentary"; Irving Howe, editor of "Dissent"; Henry Rosovsky, Harvard Dean of Arts and Sciences; and Harvard professors Seymour Lipset, Michael Walzer, David Landes and Kenneth Arrow.

Nervousness

Mrs. Hauser was quoted as saying, in a telephone interview last week, that "there was a lot of nervousness in the Jewish community. I thought it would be important for Kissinger to give his views to the intellectuals who write and think so that they could convey his thoughts." The "Post" wrote that the "nervousness" was summed up by Podhoretz who told Kissinger some Israelis were wondering whether he was "a Churchill disguised as a Chamberlain or a Chamberlain disguised as a Churchill."

According to the report, the "Post" said, Kissinger sought to convey the impression he had been instrumental in getting the arms airlift to Israel approved at a time when Israel had run out of ammunition and when congressional support was "visibly declining in the face of the energy crisis. Beyond that, he claimed to have given the Israelis an extra 96 hours — or four days — while he went to Moscow to discuss the cease-fire. At the same time he reportedly said that Israel's last-minute gains were basically unimportant and that it would not have made a difference if they had had another two days."

The "Post" report said that it was at his meeting with Soviet leaders in Moscow on October 20 and 21 that Kissinger was able to get a provision for direct negotiations between the Arab nations and Israel. The Soviet Union was then pressing in the United Nations for a cease-fire. The Israelis "expressed dismay that Kissinger had worked as quickly as he did. They had hoped for more time to advance on the west bank of the Suez Canal but the agreement on an October 22 cease-fire created the kind of stalemate that was seen as a precondition for getting a settlement."

The "Post" also reported that Kissinger had made parallel remarks a month earlier in Cairo to Hassanein Heikal, editor of "Al Ahram," reportedly telling him that "all our experts believed that if you restarted the war (after Oct. 24) you would be exposing yourselves to a decisive attack by the Israeli armed forces. It was then that I proposed a cease-fire and a return to the original lines. I believed this measure would benefit you more than the Israelis."

Kissinger reportedly told the Jewish intellectuals that the Israelis had run out of ammunition, indicating they could not have kept going without the airlift "which he was instrumental in pushing through," but told Heikal that "even if the Israelis had not had the arms we sent them, they would not have been in the powerless situation you imagine. They had prepared their counterattack of the Suez Canal before even receiving our aid."

He also reportedly told the Jewish intellectuals that the Arabs must be considered victors in the October War because Israel "had lost the war strategically, although it had won tactically." He was also reported to have said that the Arabs could not gain through further conflict and that they had won more than they yet realized. The Israelis, he asserted, would not gain through any delay in negotiating.

He also told the Jewish group that, with congressional support declining, he could not be sure that if another war broke out and Israel again ran out of ammunition, he could manage to get another airlift. "He stressed he would make every effort to do so, but one participant recalled that Kissinger said the chances were two to one against bringing it off again. Another recalled that he put the odds at three to two."

Diplomatic isolation

Israel's diplomatic isolation would grow, Kissinger said. He predicted Japan would break relations in less than six months and other Asian states would do the same. He reportedly said, according to the "Post," that European nations would not break relations with Israel but would do everything possible to undercut the U.S. and Israel "in currying favour with the Arabs."

According to the report, Kissinger showed extreme anger with the Europeans and their Arab policy, calling their behaviour "craven," "contemptible," "pernicious" and that of "jackals." In addition to his other comments on Faisal, Kissinger said the Saudi King had little interest in the Sinai or the Palestinians and that he kept his hold on the other Arabs only through his oil policy.

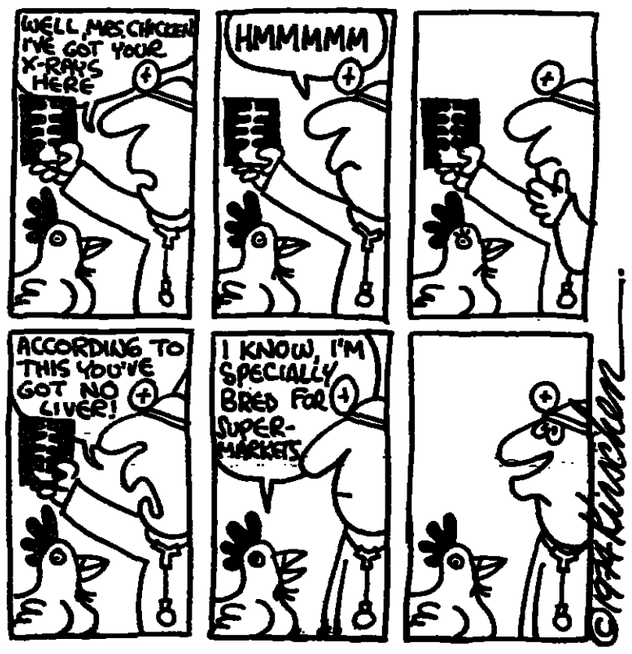
Kissinger reportedly said he had to take some blame for being so involved with Vietnam that he did not press Israel to move toward a settlement in the years before the October War, when he was security adviser to President Nixon. He said what he was seeking now was "the establishment of large demilitarized buffer territories between the opposing armies. Any move into the demilitarized zones, he said, would be a causus belli."

Asked whether Israel was to be "Taiwanized" to get or preserve detente with Russia, Kissinger was said to have replied that the U.S. had given up little for detente with the Russians who, "in fact, made more concessions than had the U.S."

A number of the intellectuals said some of their concerns had been eased and some confessed "to feeling a bit better after they saw the results of Kissinger's diplomatic efforts in the January Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement."

Irving Howe, writing in "New York Magazine," declared he remained unsure and urged Jews to speak out against potential pressures. Howe wrote that "a time may come when it will be necessary to turn to more dramatic and militant methods, perhaps a march on Washington. A time may come when the traditional Jewish outcry of *gevalt* provoking scorn and worse, may be necessary. Let us keep our voices in readiness, but meanwhile there is the work of politics, pressure, persuasion. Silence is intolerable."

Dry Bones



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Unrest in Jordan

Davar (Histadrut) says: "Hussein's sudden return from London attests to the gravity of the situation. While at this stage, the ferment — in the two armoured brigades back from the Syrian front — centres around salary claims, it has also been accompanied by charges of corruption in the regime. In this connection, there is no shortage of elements — such as the terrorists and the Syrians — who will seize every opportunity to undermine Hussein's throne. Developments in Jordan thus deserve a close watch also by outside factors that are working toward peace."

Ha'aretz (Non-party) says on the "Who is a Jew" issue: "In the public eye, the National Religious Party appears irresponsible because of the manner in which it conducts the negotiations on joining the coalition. Regardless of its theoretical importance, the question of "Who is a Jew?" does not belong to the category of issues requiring urgent attention. The attempt to force a decision at this point raises doubts as to the degree of seriousness attached by the NRP leadership to the nation's critical issues."

Hatzofe (National Religious), on the other hand, explains why the NRP is not prepared to give in. "Orthodox Jewry's campaign for *halachic* conversion is designed to make the state the guardian of Jewish unity both in Israel and the Diaspora. Now that the electorate has entrusted the religious community with the key to a decision on this matter, the moment is opportune. Moreover, regardless of the election results, which may have indicated the opposite, the anti-religious element is actually in the minority. As for the contention that the Orthodox are insensitive to the gravity of the present emergency, it is after all they who demand the formation of a national emergency government."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) feels that the "Who is a Jew?" issue is not merely one of conversion. Rather, Israeli life in general ought to be based on religious law.

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Readers' letters

Russia's role in Middle East

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The view that Russia aims to destroy the state of Israel is far from being a fact. Russia's interests do not lie in Israel's annihilation but in continued conflict in the Middle East. If the dispute is settled — by the destruction of Israel, by a peaceful compromise or in any other way — the Arabs will immediately turn towards America. Russia would be naive to let this happen. If ever America abandoned its support of Israel and Arabs seemed to push Israel into the sea, the world would witness Russia rushing to Israel's rescue. Ironical as it may look, Russia's interest in continued conflict is the best guarantee of Israel's survival.

For Russia, the Middle East is an arena where it confronts its enemy, the U.S., which is the bastion of the free enterprise system in the world. Arabs today are the masters of unprecedented wealth. In the October War while America gave arms worth two billion dollars almost free to Israel, the Russians received five billion dollars in cash from the Arabs. With these five billions, Russian industry will flourish, ready for new weaponry research and manufacture.

Further, the Middle East is the only international political arena where Russia is able to cast America out of the world community. Here, America stands alone; its European allies do not support its policies.

Russia's logical aim would be to turn the Middle East into a Vietnam. Already, the Arab oil boycott has paralysed the economy of the Western world. Soon, their exports will not be able to compete with the Communist countries. Why should Russia help reach a decision which might ease the oil embargo — to help the economy of its adversaries?

For their part, the Arabs understand the Russian's game and hate their guts. President Sadat's ouster of Russian advisers and his establishment of diplomatic relations with the U.S. at the first opportunity were not just accidents of history. Russia, too, has no illusions about Arab friendship.

Thus a Middle East settlement is a victory for Arabs, America and Israel, whereas the continuation of conflict — and not the destruction of Israel — is Russia's logical aim. In this context, it may even be foolish to expect Russia to play a constructive role at the Geneva peace talks.

MAZHAR ALI KHAN MALIK
President
Pakistan League of America
New York, January 27.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES AT MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your issue of January 6 reported that an Israeli general, "an emergency patient" who had suffered a minor stroke, waited for an hour at Mount Sinai Hospital before being admitted because he did not have $3,080 as an advance payment.

The account gives the impression that Mount Sinai values dollars above the health of its patients. However, the facts of the case are as follows:

The Hospital received a call from Dr. Jaffe at 12:11 p.m. requesting a bed for the patient. He was told he would be called as soon as a bed became available. (Your story notes that the doctor had no objection to General Yoffe's remaining in his hotel room until the hospital had a bed.)

Dr. Jaffe was notified at 4:55 p.m. that a bed was available. It was at this time that the request — a request, not a demand — for a deposit was made. This request met with no objection from the patient, his physician, or his family. The patient was brought to the hospital at 6:15 and was admitted 20 minutes later, as soon as the identification information could be obtained and the admitting procedure completed. He did not sit for an hour in the waiting room before being admitted.

All emergency cases are admitted as soon as they arrive at the hospital, with no questions asked, just as they are at our sister hospitals. This is required by law, but more to the point, Mount Sinai has followed this practice since long before the law was enacted. With respect to the advance payment: We endeavour to secure a deposit in the case of any patient requesting hospitalization who does not have insurance coverage, as this patient did not.

GUSTAVE L. LEVY
Chairman of the Board
The Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, January 30.

TV PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am only a new immigrant here and a 12-year-old boy into the bargain, but I wish to word a strong protest against the programme taken by a hidden TV camera showing friendship between Israeli and Egyptian soldiers. It is ironic that, by bringing cameras to film them without their knowledge or consent, they are putting the very men they made friends with in danger of getting into serious trouble. Doesn't TV think of them or do they throw aside such considerations in a mad rush for any titbit of news? Is this what we are to expect of the TV in future? No heart or conscience?

MICHAEL FAINZILBER
Haifa, February 2.

The Orthodox case

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial of January 16, "Not for the market place," and Erwin Frenkel's Viewpoint article "Improper intervention in Diaspora affairs" (January 18) which decry NRP efforts to amend the Law of Return by inserting "according to *halacha*" therein, contain a constructive germinal idea but their overall effect tends to an opposite effect because they are based on certain false premises.

Referring to Reformism and Conservatism as "two dominant patterns of Jewish religious and communal life in America" is to speak of a world which you may have known, but simply does not exist any longer. These movements have confessed their own bankruptcy and confusion. The children of the subscribers to heterodox Judaism are more likely to intermarry than not. Ideologically they are less than indifferent to Judaism. They are the leaders in a highly disproportionate number of the New Left, the assorted Lib movements, the drug cults, and Woodstocks and a variety of avant garde movements — all of which have anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist tendencies.

On the other hand, the first graduates of the Day School are now building truly Jewish families of their own, quantitively and qualitatively. Today, the only vibrant Jewish youth movements in America are under Orthodox sponsorship. The young adult group that is active in Jewish affairs in America today is almost entirely composed of Orthodox professionals. Except for a few old-timers, concern for Israel and the future of Judaism in America, has become an Orthodox monopoly.

Your call (and Mr. Frenkel's) for a conversion procedure acceptable to all three groups has been answered. It is an Orthodox conversion. But Conservative and Reform clergymen are dissatisfied. They are really seeking, not unity, but recognition of their competence to perform a conversion according to the very *halacha* which they reject. It is they who are trying to use the State of Israel as a tool to achieve this unwarranted recognition. No one questions the validity of an Orthodox conversion. Why should the doors be opened to precedents which must create castes and *needless* divisions?

Moreover, your denigration of NRP's efforts as so much horse-trading in a time of dire national emergency exhibits a lack of understanding of the priorities established by Jewish history and tradition. Judaism is unique among all value systems in placing spiritual integrity above physical survival. I need not point out that we have achieved physical survival precisely because it was not our first principle. Support for the pride of deviationist clergy will aid neither Israel nor Diaspora Jewry.

REUBEN E. GROSS
Treasurer, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
New York, January 28.

CUT IN SUBSIDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial of January 29 regarding the curtailing of subsidies says: "The fiscal saving will be great."

With all due respect, my calculations show that there will be no fiscal savings — and in fact the Treasury's raising now the cost of living index by 4 per cent and the second time round by another 2 per cent will cost the Treasury, because of C.o.L. linked bonds (of which they hold some 21 billion pounds at 6 per cent increase), IL1,260m.

Furthermore, the Treasury will have to pay an increase of 6 per cent C.o.L. index to some 150,000 employees — police, teachers, army — IL42 per month or over IL500 per year. That's another 75m. Producers for the local market and export will get another increase in prices and subsidies that will cost the Treasury in one way or another at least 200m. more in subsidies to exporters — already the Minister of Commerce and Industry is recommending 21 agorot per dollar export partly because of the previous 2 per cent increase C.o.L. for the subsidies cut in November. Thus if we add 1,260 + 75 + 200 we have a total of IL1,535m. pounds.

S. DUBINER
Tel Aviv, January 29.

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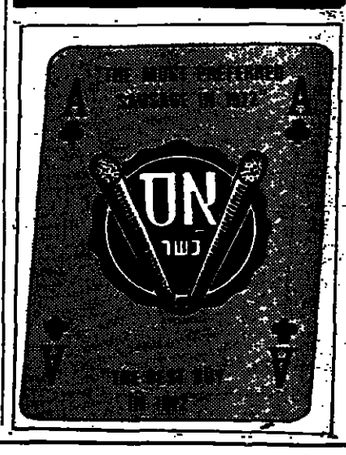

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